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PRAISE YOUR WIFE.

Praise your wife, man ; for pity's sake give her a little encouragement ; it won't hurt her. She has made your home comfortable, your hearth bright and shining, your food agreeable ; for pity's sake tell her you thank her, if nothing more. She don't expect it ; it will make her eyes open wider than they have for these ten years, but it will do her good for all that, and you too.

There are many women to-day thirsting for the word of praise, the language of encouragement. Through Summer's heat and Winter's toil they have drudged uncomplainingly, and so accustomed have their fathers, brothers and husbands become to their monotonous labors, that they look for and upon them as they do the daily rising of the sun and its daily going down. Homely every-day life may be made beautiful by an appreciation of its very homeliness. You know that if the floor is clean, manual labor has been performed to make it so. You know that if you can take from your drawer a clean shirt whenever you want it, that somebody's fingers have ached in the toil of making it so fresh and agreeable, so smooth and lustrous. Everything that pleases the eye and the sense has been produced by constant work, much thought, great care and untiring efforts, bodily and mentally.

It is not that many men do not appreciate these things and feel a glow of gratitude for the numberless attentions bestowed upon them in sickness and in health, but they are so selfish in that feeling. They don't come out with a hearty, "Why, how pleasant you make things look, wife!" or, "I am obliged to you for taking so much pains!" They thank the tailor for giving them "fits," they thank the man in

a full omnibus who gives them a seat ; they thank the young lady who moves along in the concert-room—in short, they thank everybody and everything out of doors because it is the custom, and come home, tip their chairs back and their heels up, pull out the newspaper, grumble if wife asks them to take the baby, scold if the fire has got down, or, if everything is just right, shut their mouths with a smack of satisfaction, but never say to her, "I thank you."

I tell you what, men, young and old, if you did but show an ordinary civility toward those common articles of housekeeping, your wives, if you gave the one hundred and sixtieth part of the compliments you almost choked them with before they were married, if you would stop the badinage about who you are going to have when number one is dead, (such things wives may laugh at, but they sink deep sometimes,) if you would cease to speak of their faults, however banteringly, before others, fewer women would seek for other sources of happiness than your apparently cold, so-so-ish affection. Praise your wife, then, for all good qualities she has, and you may rest assured that her deficiencies are fully counterbalanced by your own.

[Olive Branch.

How gross are we in our moral natures, yet how refined ; how sensual, yet how spiritual ! What sublime emotions, what delicious sensations, what glorious anticipations of immortality, are conveyed to us through the external senses ! The goodness and power of God have formed us fearfully and wonderfully ; and all nature has been adapted to administer to our joys.—Did we not suffer our soul to become dull and insensible ; were we acutely sensitive to impressions, and did we know how to keep our mysterious harps in tune, the works of God would continually fulfil the end for which he intended them.

They would be beauty to the eye, and music to the ear. It is this keen appreciation of external things which makes us to delight in what the dying Hoffman called the sweet habitue of being.

ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN RYDER AMONG THE ARABS.

AT SEA, OFF CAPE BARBAS, West Coast of Africa, February 3, 1856.—I will give you a short account of my battle with the Arabs on the coast of Africa. The third day of Nov. 1855, we went on shore, having been on shore the day previous and traded with them, when they seemed quite friendly ; but I did not like their looks, although we were well armed and did not fear them. But this day I borrowed Capt. Tuck's gun because it had two barrels. I went on shore before daylight to shoot some flamingoes. I had my revolver with me, and feared no harm. I took my bow-oarsman with me, and left four men in the boat well armed, with instructions not to leave it. After waiting awhile for game, saw some natives coming towards us. Suddenly three camels came with fury upon us and cut us off from the boat. From these dismounted three men who came towards us armed with double barrelled muskets, and thirty or forty on foot, came armed with knives, muskets and creces. I waved my hat for them to leave us, but they advanced to meet their fate. I ran and waved my hat to the men in the boat to come to our relief. If they had done so, I should not have got hurt ; out they ran off with the boat and left us to our fate. On came the pirates, the worst beings on earth. As a last resort, I threw my hat from me to warn them off, but it was all the same to them, their object being to plunder and then sell us for slaves. But they missed their aim. I determined not to give up, but to die on the spot sooner than be taken. I soon saw they were a different tribe from those we had seen before. I spoke to them in Spanish, and they replied that they were friendly. I then extended my hand to the Chief and held my gun in my left hand. He offered his left hand, holding his gun in his right, when, quick as lightning, he seized my gun, but I was on the watch, and kept my gun with ease. He drew his short sword, to try his skill with that, but that could not compete with the butt of my gun. Turning to look for my man, I saw the Arabs dragging him off to the camels. He had my revolver, which I had given to him with instructions not to shoot until I bid him. I bid him shoot them, but he had lost his courage, and could not help himself. I did not dare fire, for fear one barrel would miss fire, as it had done before. I turned round and saw the Chief aim at me, and commenced jumping to and fro to perplex his aim. In doing so, I saw one on my right with a gun levelled at me also, and at that moment they both fired, lodging three balls in me. The balls are of crystalized quartz, each barrel containing two of them. One ball passed through my left thigh, close to the bone ; another through my right leg and through the bone three inches above the knee, and the third passed through my right thigh, lodging in my hip, and glancing up, where it now remains. I then fired at the chief, who fell dead with fourteen pistol bullets through his head, the contents of one barrel. The other missed fire. I then took the butt of my gun and drove them from me. Then I picked up my hat and the chief's gun, which is now in my possession. My pants were cut in several places by the bullets, but with the help of Providence, I escaped and ran for about a mile distant. They took me on board the barque F. Bunchina, Capt. Tuck, where they extracted two of the bullets. I was transferred to the schooner Mountain Spring, Capt. Young, who carried me to the Canaries, where a surgeon dressed my wounds. Thence we went to Cintra Bay, where we arrived after a passage of fourteen days, and I went back to the F. Bunchina, where I remained for thirty-five days perfectly helpless, but received every attention that could be lavished upon me by Capt. Tuck and his wife. I slowly recovered and resumed my voyage, arriving home April 24, 1856.

I write this for the benefit of those whose business calls them in that direction, that they may guard against the treacherous Arabs of the coast of Africa.

S. A. RYDER.

Provincetown, May 21, 1856.

With this the shortest existence is in reality long ; without it the longest is but short. For the hours may die, and the clock may toll their death-knell from the turret, and the sun may run his career through the zodiac, and, we like inanimate plants, may inhale the vital air, and 'take no note of time.'—But it is the affections alone which should measure the sum of human ex-

istence ; and then, whether we die in the spring-time, or be reaped down with the golden harvest, or linger into the bleak winter, life shall have been long or short, as we have felt most or been devoid of feeling. Who has not been willing, in order to arrive at a point of time, to have the interval blotted out as a thing of no value, or felt as though the raptures of an age were crowded into the short delirium of a dream ?

HOOP SKIRTS AND LOW NECK DRESSES.

BY PAUL PETROLIUM.

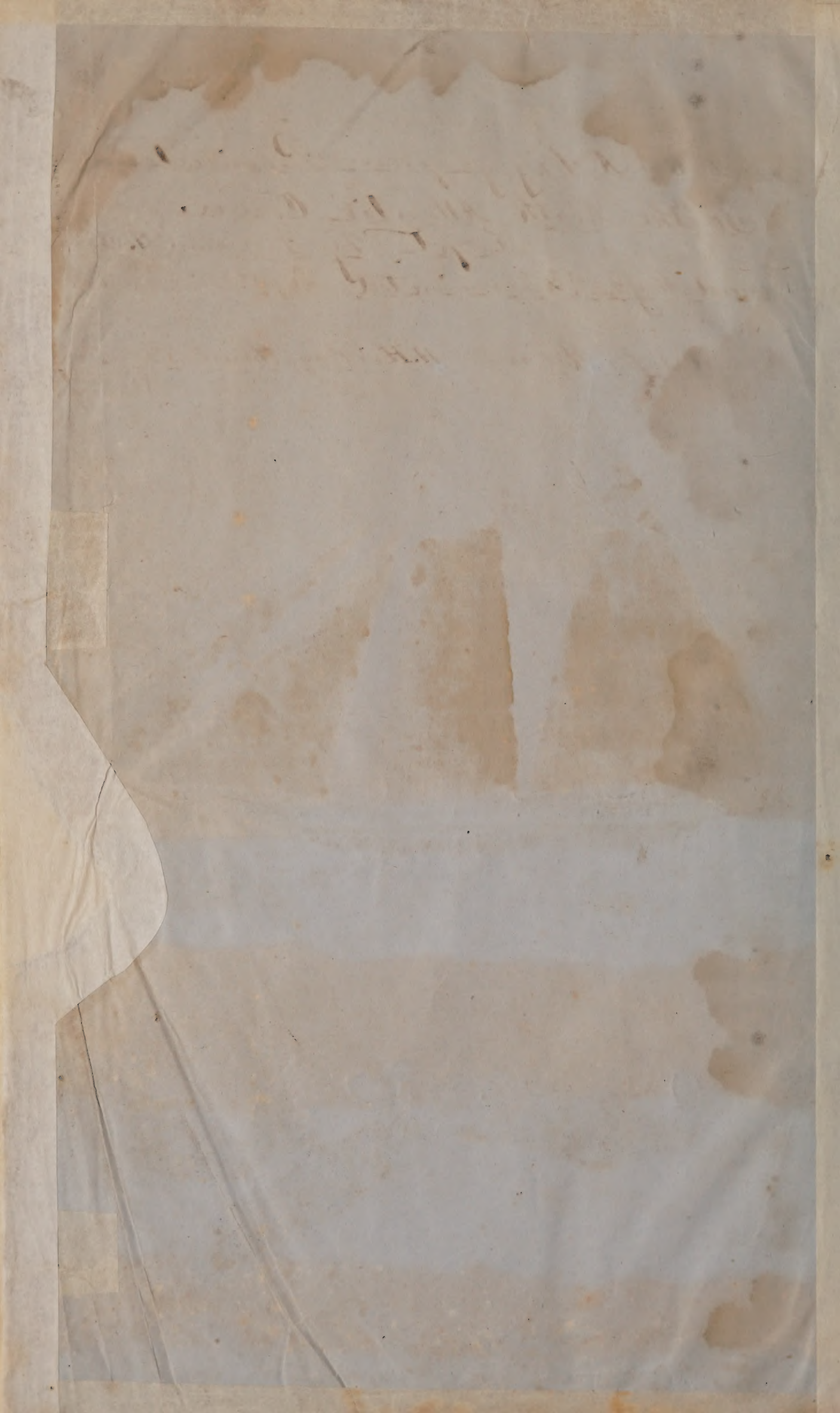
Come gentlemen and ladies fair
Who live in Boston City,
Just listen if you've time to spare,
While I rehearse a ditty.
'Twas on a Sunday evening,
Cool and balmy was the air,
As on a stone I sat reclining,
I spied a maiden fair.
She was crossing Boston common,
It used to be a farm—
She had a quarter in her hand,
And a basket on her arm,
She had on a 'yaller' bonnet,
And a pea-green striped frock,
Her hair fell round her graceful neck,
Like sea-weed round a rock.
She had two dimples in each cheek,
Her eyes were black as jet,
Her pretty little hand and foot,
I never shall forget.
The treach'rous wind that blew that day,
This maiden overtook,
It blew one side her striped dress,
And show'd a whalebone hoop.
Says I—' My pretty fair maid,
Why have you left your home,
And whither with your wicker basket,
Do you intend to roam.
Pray tell me what's your name,
Now don't begin to pout,
What is your destination,
Does your mother know you're out ?
Have you a Charley dear
Who is treacherous to his vow ?
Or did you come out here
A looking for your cow ?
Say have you lost your goslings ?
Has your chicken gone astray ?
O tell me fair-haired maiden,
O tell me, do I pray.
Your hair pinned back and forehead bare,
It makes you look so bold,
And low-necked dress ! and skeleton skirt
I fear you will take cold.
What pretty eyes are those of yours,
They sparkle like the sun,
They are of human kindness full,
And running o'er with fun.
You have got a splendid neck,
Your skin is white as snow,
Is that the latest fashion,
To scant your pattern so ?
This wearing low-necked dresses
Is certainly a sin,
I think you'd look more modest,
If you were a little further in.
You are a handsome lady,
With your hair done up in loops,
What makes you wear those naughty things,
I mean those whalebone hoops ?
Now come my pretty fair maid,
Put confidence in me,
Tell me where you came from,
And what is your destiny ?

' Young man, you have long detained,
And kept me waiting here,
Now let me pass you by, sir,
Your talk I will not hear !
My name ? 'tis none your business,
And you had better be at work,
Then standing gawking there
At my new whalebone skirt !
Yes, I wear a low-necked dress,
But it is very warm to-day,
If your lordship does'n't like it,
Why he can look the other way.
I'll go and call my father,
You are as saucy as you please—
I am to the market going,
To get a mess of—PEAS !

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Journal on A Voyage from Provincetown To
To The North Atlantic Ocean.
Kept by Freeman A. Smith
Commenced May 23^d & Terminated Sept 17th A.D. 1858.

On Board Scho'r Varnum H. Hill Nathaniel Freeman
Master.





1858

Provincetown Saturday May 23rd 1858

On Board Scho'r Warren H. Hill. Nathaniel Freeman Master.
We weighed our anchor at the hour of 11 o'clock A.M.
Wind S.E.W. with a light breeze. we went below to
dinner when we passed Long Point Light House.
Afternoon we had a very fine breeze from the S.W.
We passed the High Land Light House at 3 o'clock
P.M. We steered our course S.E. by South. At 8 o'clock P.
M. we took our last view of Old Cope Cod. (Our own
native Shury) At 8 o'clock P.M. the watch was set.
Our mate (Mr Hopkins) took the first watch. I was
in his watch. We passed a number of Fishing vessels
at 11 o'clock P.M. After our watch was out I went
below & retired. Thus Ends This Day's Transactions.

At Sea Sunday May 24th 1858.

Sunday morning was called at 4 o'clock A.M. we found
the weather very moderate, at 6 o'clock we breakfasted.
After our watch was out I went below & wrote a little
in my Journal. Afternoon very moderate at 12 o-
clock we took our watch on deck. Saw two Bergues
standing to the N.W. West. Saw 1 Ship with painted
Parts standing in. After my watch was out I went
below & wrote a little in my Journal. After Tea
we took our watch at 6 o'clock & stood until 8 o'clock.
At 8 o'clock P.M. I retired until my watch. At 12 o'clock
was called. Thus Ends This days work. (Sunday Eve May 24th 1858)

At Sea Monday May 25th 1858.

Monday morning wind South west and very moderate
and pleasant. After breakfast all hands employed
in preparing their craft. Irons Lances Spades &c.
Sent the Boys Aloft this morning it being very
pleasant. At 10 o'clock A.M. rose a large School of
Black Fish. We sailed after them until the hour of
11 o'clock A.M. We then lowered a way the Starboard &
Waist Boat. They was out about 15 minutes & both
returned with each a Black Fish. We then lowered
a way the Starboard Boat & she came a board with
two Fish. We then took the Boats on the cranes
& all hands went to dinner.

On Board Scho. Barnum H. Hill

Afternoon towed away all three Boats, The Starboard and waste Boat got each of them one. After the Boats came aboard, took them up on the Cranes and went to work cutting in. After we had finished cutting in we all went below to Sea. At 8 o'clock I took the first watch, we stood quarter watches. After my watch was out I went below & retired. Thus Ends this Day.

At Sea Tuesday May 26th 1857

Tuesday morning moderate & very pleasant & warm. All Hands employed in cutting Blubber. Took dinner at 11³⁰ o'clock. After I had finished eating, I went up & relieved the watch & left. It being the first time that I have been on to the (jacks), and it made me quite sea sick. I was called down from aloft before my trick was out, it being very foggy. At 4 o'clock P.M. saw a School of Black Fish. Lowered away all three Boats. After a long chase the Waist Boat got three Fish. When the Boats came aboard we took them on the Cranes, & took the Black Fish in on deck. After we had finished cutting in, I wrote a little in my Journal then I retired. Thus Ends to days Transaction.

At Sea Wednesday May 27th 1857

Wednesday morning all Hands called at the Hour of 4 o'clock, and went to work cutting Blubber. At 7 o'clock saw a School of Black Fish. Lowered away all three Boats. Waste Boat went & struck & returned with one Starboard Boat got one & came on board, we took the Boats on the Cranes, all Hands Employed in cutting Blubber. At 10 o'clock A.M. fired up under the masts & went to work & Boiling. Afternoon we did not raise any Fish we went to work & masting down deck, we kept the work & going until 10 o'clock & then I called them off before my watch was out. After my watch was out I called my Partners (Mr. Linnell) After he came on deck I went below & wrote a little in my Journal. Then retired. Thus Ends this Days Transaction.

Our Lat today is $38^{\circ} 20'$. Long $68^{\circ} 57'$.

— On Board Schs *Vermun* H. Hill —

— At Sea Thursday May 28th 1857. —

Thursday morning I was called at 4 O'clock A.M. I washed down Decks & then I went aloft & stood until I was released. Wind from the South & East. blowing a strong breeze & a very bad sea running high. After I came from aloft I went below & took breakfast. After breakfast I went on Deck & our Watch went to work & putting our Black Fish Oil under deck. We stowed down about 11¹/₂ Bbls of Oil. Wind kept a breezing and the sea running very high. At 11 O'clock A.M. called all hands and doubled reefed the mainsail. Afternoon wind commenced to moderate and the sea went down, and at 4 O'clock P.M. we shook the Reefes out of our mainsail and Hoisted the Flying Jibb. Evening at 8 O'clock it was my watch below, I went below & wrote a little in my Journal, then Retired until tomorrow morning at 4 O'clock.

{ Thus Ends this Days Transaction -

— At Sea Friday May 29th 1857 —

Friday morning all Hands were called at the hour of 12 O'clock. We double Reef the mainsail. After we got the sail Reefed the Starboard watch went below. At 3 O'clock wind rather moderated & we shook the Reefes out of the mainsail & Hoisted it. We then called the Starboard watch & our watch went below & went to bunk until 6 O'clock A.M. After breakfast I wrote a little in my Journal. After I had finished writing I went on Deck & we double Reefed the mainsail, and at 3 O'clock P.M. we single Reefed the Foresail. At 4 O'clock my watch was called, Wind blowing a very strong breeze from the Southward & a very bad sea running very high. At 5 O'clock, we took in the mainsail & furled it and took the Bonnet off the jibb, we then secured the Boats and made every thing snug on Deck, and then we hove to under single Reefed Foresail & Bonnet out of jibb. at 6 O'clock we had it very squally with Rain Showers. Our watch below at 6 O'clock. I went below & wrote a little in my Journal and at 8 O'clock I took my watch on Deck. We stood Hove to until 11. We had it very squally all of our watch. At 4 O'clock we parted our jibb Halliards

On Board Schooner Barnum H. Hill.

and after the Squall was over, I went up to the Mast Head and saw them, and I had quite a hard time as she was rolling very bad. We collected the other watch at 12 o'clock and then our watch went below & retired. Thus Ends 2d day.

At Sea Saturday May 30th 1858.

Saturday we crossed the Santhum part of the Gulf Stream, rather better weather to day than we have had since we have been in the Stream. I went aloft at 4 o'clock A.M. and stood until breakfast time and then I came below and took breakfast. Afternoon I went to work & made a Spade Handle! At 3 o'clock we took in our mainsail. When we were lowering it a very (Sail) we had one Mr. Killey to burn his hands very badly, he took the Swivel off the Pin, and the Sail took him a short distance aloft. We furled our mainsail and after Supper we took up our New Tysail and bent it. Evening we stood quarter watches. I was called at 12 o'clock very pretty weather. Latter part of my watch rather more squally. We run our course all night S by E. After my watch was out I went below & retired for the night. Thus Ends to day.

At Sea Sunday May 31st 1858

Sunday morning I rose at the hour of 6 o'clock and breakfasted. After breakfast I went on deck & looked over the side and saw, at numbers what they call Dutch Gallies, they seem to be a very thin substance filled with air. After breakfast I went below & wrote a little in my Journal. It being several days since I have had a chance to write. The weather has been very rough for several days past. To day the weather looks more fine. After I finished writing in my Journal I went on deck & stood until my watch was out. Afternoon, After dinner I went on deck and took some papers & sat down in the Stern Boat & read until Supper time. Evening very pleasant. Thus Ends this days transaction Lat 35=35 = Long 62=51

On Board Scho^r Vassar H. Hill

At Sea Monday June 1st 1857.

Monday morning my watch was called at the Hour of 4 o'clock, I washed down decks & then I went took work & ground a spade, then I went below to breakfast. We have it very pleasant to day, Wind South by West & very moderate, we run our course S by E all day. After breakfast I went up and sat in the jacks. After my trick was out I went down on deck & made 2 or 3 spade Poles and then went below to dinner. We had one of our home cakes on the table for dinner, it belonged to our 2^d Mate (Mr Freeman) After dinner I took my 3rd watch & left again, while I was there I saw an object on the water, it was about 12 miles distant, we ran our course for it, and as we neared it I found it to be an old drift Log. We ran close down by it, there was a large school of Dolphin playing under it. The Captain tried to catch one but he did not succeed. Evening After Tea we took in our mainsail & Flying Gibb, and set thetrysail. Then I went below and wrote a little in my Journal & then retired until my watch. Thus Ends this Days Transaction.

Lat 35=05 Long 61=31

At Sea Tuesday June 2^d 1857.

Tuesday morning my watch was called at the Hour of 2 o'clock. We called the Starboard watch at four o'clock. and then we went below until 6 o'clock. After breakfast I went to work making Spade Poles, I finished 3 to day. Afternoon Wind from the South west & a very pleasant breeze. Nothing of any importance transacted to day. We run our course all day South by East. Evening After Tea we took in the mainsail and Flying Gibb and hoisted up thetrysail. We had another Home cake on the table for Supper. It belonged to Mr Freeman our 2^d Mate. After we had shortened Side I went below & wrote a little in my Journal. Watch set at 8 o'clock, my first watch to night. So Ends this day Transaction.

Lat 34=34 Long 60=00

On Board Sch^y Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Wednesday June 3rd 1857.

Wednesday morning my watch was called at the Hour of 4 o'clock, we washed down Decks & then we went down to breakfast, Wind from the S & West, and very Squally with Heavy Rain Showers. After breakfast I made one Spade Pole, and then took my Brick & left. It was so Squally to day that we did not stand in the Jacks, we stood & left on the Mast Head. I saw a number of Flying Fish while I was at Mast Head. Afternoon After dinner I went & a loft I had not been there but a few minutes before I rose a whale. She came up and spouted three times, and that was the last that we see of her, I stayed & left until 6 o'clock, and then I came down & took Tea. That is the first whale that has been seen since we have been out. The Captⁿ put one of his Home Cakes on the Table to night for Supper, and we proved the Quality by Eating it and found it to be very Good. Evening After I wrote in my Journal, Thus Ends to day — — —

At Sea Thursday June 4th 1857.

Thursday morning, my watch was called at the Hour of 4 o'clock we stood at 4 o'clock & then we called the Starboard Watch, After they came on Deck our watch went below and returned until breakfast time. Morning wind S.W. and moderate but very Squally with rain Showers. After breakfast I went to work on ground Spades I finished eight to day. I went & left at 10 o'clock A.M. Saw a Large Ship standing to the North West with all sail set. I did not see anything that looked like a Spouter. Afternoon I went & left. did not see nothing but Flying Fish, saw a plenty of them. Evening After Tea I went & left and stood until Six o'clock, then I came down & we reefed our Foreail & pulled the Flying jib. After we had finished on Deck I came below and wrote in my Journal.

Lat 31=10. Long 60=00

On Board the Vamm Hill

At Sea Friday June 5th 1858.

Friday morning my watch was called at the hour of 12 o'clock, men was up and very pleasant. Wind from the South West and very pleasant. We stood until the hour of 12 o'clock, and then I called the Starboard watch and went below and retired. My watch was called again at the hour of 4 o'clock. We rigged the Pump & pumped out some of the water, and then washed down decks, and then went down to breakfast. After breakfast I went to work cleaning my specks. And then I went & left. But did not see anything but Flying Fish. All hands employed to day & cleaning deck. Afternoon wind very moderate and very good sailing. We are now on the western ground & cruising for Sperm Whales, but we have not seen any as yet. I hope we shall have a chance to take a few & long side before this month goes out. Evening we took in the mainsail and furled both jibs. After we had taken in sail the Captⁿ called me below and give me my sailing directions to go by, when the Boats were in pursuit of Whales. First. If the Whales as up set the collars at the Foremast Head and head the vessel for them, and haul down the outer jib that you have set. If off the weather quarter so that you cannot head up for them, drop the Main Peak. If the Whales should be nearer the vessel, then rather of the Boats, Run the collars up and down until you know that we have seen them. Evening very moderate and pleasant, and a prospect of being a beautiful day to morrow. After we furled the sails the Boys went forward and commenced singing and I am down below & scribbling off a few lines in my Journal. After I finished writing I went on deck until the watch was set. Watch set at 8 o'clock. Then I went below and retired until my watch on deck. So Ends These Twenty Four Hours

Lat 29=40 Long 59=00

On Board Sch^y Barnum Hill

At Sea Saturday June 6th 1858.

Saturday morning called all Hands at 4 O'clock A.M. Wind from the South West, and quite a good Breeze. After breakfast I went to work in the Stem Boat, and commenced cleaning my Spades, (which is 10 in number) After I had finished cleaning & oiling them I went aloft as it was my Trick. After my watch was out aloft, I came down on deck & the Captⁿ gave me some work to do. It was to make Jacob's Ladders. They are used to go up & down the Bup^r mast. I worked until 12 O'clock and then I went below to dinner. Afternoon. After dinner I went to work on the Ladders again. I had not been to work but a few minutes when the Captⁿ went half way aloft and rose a small School of Sperm Whales.



When he first saw them they were breaching out of the water. They were a long distance to the Leeward and we ran for them, until we got within 1² miles distant from them. We lowered a way the Mast and Larboard Boats and they went out. but it being so rough, they got to the Leeward of them. The Whales were bound straight to the windward and a going pretty quick, when we got about one mile distant to the windward. The Captⁿ lowered a way his Boat. (Starboard Boat) and went to the windward of the Whales & then ran down and met them Head & Head, and went on and struck a small whale. I think she will make a but 10 Bbls of Oil. He then fired a Run Lance in two more Whales, But did not see them afterwards. I ran down to him with the vessel, and they took her a long side. She was quite cowardly to me it being the first Sperm Whale that I ever see. The other Boats came a long side & we took them up on the Cranes. We then went to work and rigged the cutting purchases and went to work cutting in.

On Board Sch^y Varnum Hill

We had got her about half cut in, when there came a Squall, with a plenty of Rain Showers & wind. we took in the Mainsail & Gills and furlled them & then we went to work and finished & cutting her in. But we all got a good drenching and a wet one it was too. After we had finished cutting her in, we all went below and shifted our clothes, and then took Tea. Evening After Tea we all turned in but the watch on deck. My Watched was called at 10 O'clock. I went on deck and found her rolling very bad. I came below and the Captⁿ wanted me to let the Gysail, I did but in Haisting it up, the sheet got on Hooked, and I held on to the sheet till I found she was a going to drag me overboard, and then I let it go, and then lowered it part way down & Hooked on the sheet again and then Haisted it up again. It seemed to stop her rolling for a while. I think we are doing well and ought not to find any fault whatever, we are now 2 weeks from Home to day, and we have 10 tbs Black Fish Oil, and about what I call 10 Bbs. Spum Oil. So Thus Ends this very Transaction.

Lat 28 = 20. Long 58 = 13

At Sea Sunday June 1st 1852.

Sunday morning all Hands were called at the Hour of 4 O'clock and took breakfast. After breakfast we all went to work & cutting up the Blanket Pieces to get them out the way. We got most all cut up when there came a Squall with large Showers of Rain. When we got the large Pieces cut up we worked down decks and went below and changed our clothes. While they was a cutting up the whole Head, it got loose and went down a gainst the Deck Sally & stove in one of his doors. After we had worked down deck I went below & staid until 12 O'clock. Afternoon Wind from the South West & quite moderate but a very Bad Sea & the vessel rolls very Bad. While I was on deck writing, a large Sulphur fish passed by. Much more moderate. After I finished writing in my Journal I went on deck, as it was my watch

On Board Scho. Tammam H. Hill

I stayed until my watch was out and then I went down below and read until it was time for Tea. I put one of my Home Cakes on the Table for Snuff and I found it to be very good. I put some cigars on the Table and the cake and cigars made me feel some what Lonesome to night. After Tea I went on Deck & smoked my cigars, and then I came below & wrote a little in my Journal. Thus Ends This Days Transactions.
Lat 28=06 Long—

At Sea Monday June 8th 1858. ☼
Monday morning my watch was called at the Hour of 12 O'clock. Wind from the S & West and moderate. After breakfast, we all went to work & minding Bibles. We got Fire under the works at 8 O'clock A.M. At 8 O'clock I took my Brick & left. After my watch was out I went to the works and Baked until 12 O'clock and then went below to dinner. Afternoon wind moderate but very Squally with heavy Rain Showers. We kept Fire under the works until 1 1/2 O'clock & then we cooled them down. I took the watch at 8 O'clock and stood until 10. After my watch was out I went below & Retired. Thus Ends to Day.
Lat 27=30 Long 57=23

At Sea Tuesday June 9th 1858. ☼
Tuesday morning all Hands called at 4 O'clock, my first Left. I stayed until breakfast time. After breakfast, they stowed the Oil under Deck, she stowed down 8 Bbls of Gum. After they stowed the Oil under deck & washed off I went below & wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon my watch on Deck. I went up & left and stayed until my Brick was out, and then I went to work and finished Jacobs Ladder and sent it up & left. And then come down to Tea. Evening very moderate and pleasant. I was called at 12 O'clock. I treated my watch to night with a piece of my Home Cake and Cigars. And they thought that it was very good. After my watch was out I went below and Retired. Thus Ends 20 Days Transactions.
Lat 20=00 Long 56=43

On Board Sch^y Warrum H Hill

At Sea Wednesday June 10th 1858

Wednesday morning all Hands were called at 4 O'clock A.M. we washed down Deck and stopped until it was breakfast time, and then we went below to breakfast. After breakfast we hoisted the mainsail and Flying Jib and set the Soft Topsail. After we had made Sole I went below and wrote a little in my Journal. at 8 O'clock I am to receive the lift. After my watch was out I came down from Loft and took dinner. Afternoon. After dinner we had it very squally for about 15 minutes. we took in Staysail & Soft Topsail. After the Squall was over it cleared off very pleasant. Wind from the South west and very moderate. After it had finished Raining I went below and wrote a little in my Journal. It is my sick a left sour. I went a lift at 4 O'clock and stopped until supper. Then I came down and took Tea. Evening very moderate. At 6 O'clock we took in Sail. My first watch to night I stood until 10 O'clock and called the other watch and then went below and Retired. Thus Ends this days Transaction.

Lat 27=16 Long 57=56

At Sea Thursday June 11th 1858

Thursday morning our watch was called at 4 O'clock and washed down Deck. It was my first lift. I went a lift before sunrise and stopped until 6 O'clock, then I came down and took breakfast. After breakfast I went to work and cleared off all of my Spades. My watch was out at 8 O'clock I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon Wind from the South west and not much breeze but a heavy swell running and very moderate. I went a lift at 12 O'clock and stopped until 2 O'clock. After my watch was out I came down on Deck and went to work on the Line. Evening After we took in Sail, The Capt & Mr Hopkins went in swimming. Our Mate (Mr Hopkins) while in the water, got a piece of a Sun Squall on his Shoulders and it pained him very Bad, He was in great pain for a couple of Hours. After Sat at 8 O'clock. I then went below & Retired. So Ends today.

Lat 28=13 Long 57=45

On Board Sch^g Vassar H Hill

At Sea Friday June 12th 1857

Friday morning It was my watch below until breakfast time. They called at 6 o'clock and I took breakfast. Morning very pleasant but not a breath of air to be seen on the water. It is so calm that we have nothing set but Foresail & Jib. After breakfast I went below and wrote a little in my Journal. After I had finished writing I went up and relined the Loft at 8 o'clock, It being so calm she Heeled very bad I stopped until 10 o'clock and then I came down on deck did not have much to do. So day is very pleasant, & calm, I think I never suffered so much with the heat of the Sun, as I have to day. Mr Hopkins (our Mate) is much better to day. Although he leans the Scur on his skin we have not had the Mainsail set to day, it being so moderate and she reeled so bad that we set the Bysail. Evening After tea it being very pleasant they lowered away all 3 Boats to practise the men. I think they all pulled very well. The Larboard & Starboard Boats tied & pull together. I think the Larboard Boat rather beat the Starboard Boat, although there was very even pulling. After they got a board we took up the Boats. So Ends 3o Day -
Lat 27=48 Long 57=54.

At Sea Saturday June 13th 1857

Saturday morning Larboard watch was called at 4 o'clock. It was my first Loft I went a loft and stood until 6 o'clock & then I came down & took breakfast. I saw a large Ship standing to the N.W. After breakfast we hoisted the Mainsail & Jib & Bysail and stood our course. So we have it very pleasant to day with a fine little breeze. My watch was out at 8 o'clock & then I went below and wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon I went a loft at 12 o'clock. quite a good breeze and wind still a breezing. At 3 o'clock we took in the Mainsail. Evening a strong Breeze. Watch out at 8 o'clock. I then went below and retired until my watch was called. Thus Ends 3o Day.

Lat 26=40. Long 58=02

On Board Ship, Vassar Hill

At Sea Sunday June 14th 1857

Sunday morning, rose at 6 O'clock and took breakfast. After breakfast I went on deck and sat in the Stern Boat and read most part of the forenoon.

At 10 O'clock I went forward and had my Hair cut quite close to my head. At 11 O'clock I called Mr. Breman and we took the Quadrants and went on deck and took the Sun. After we had got an observation, we went down below and worked up our Lat. There was just 3 miles difference, I think that was very good for me as I never understood the Bar before in my life.

So by day we find our Lat $24^{\circ} 52'$. Afternoon. After dinner I laid down until 3 O'clock, and then I got up and wrote a little in my Journal. So day is — Sunday and we are all well on board Ship — Vassar H. Hill, and we should feel more comforted if we could know how all our Friends do at Home to day, I hope and trust that they are all well, But we cannot tell as there are a great many — changes in so short a time. I would like to see my Wife and little Girl to day very much. There is not much going on a board to day, most all Hands are employed in reading. I read — until I got some what tired and then I laid down, But did not sleep much as it is very warm down in the Cabin. So day is very pleasant but a strong Breeze from the East to N.E. The Capt has been writing this Afternoon, and I think he has been writing 2 Letters to send Home. The Wind has been blowing a strong Breeze from East to North East. After dinner I read until I got sleepy and then I laid down. When I went to Bed to night it made me feel some what Homesick, as I had one of my — Home cakes on the Table, I found it to be very good. Evening After Tea the Capt & myself went up and sat in the Stern Boat and sang Psalms until the — watch was set. at 8 O'clock I went below & Retired. Thus Ends this Sabbath Day's Transaction.

So day's Lat $24^{\circ} 52'$ Long $57^{\circ} 35'$

On Board Sch^y Varnum H Hill

At Sea Monday June 15th 1857.

Monday morning the Larboard watch was called at the hour of 4 o'clock. We washed down deck & sat the two jibs. It blowing quite a strong breeze we did not hoist the mainail this morning, but sat the topsail, and then went below to breakfast. After breakfast I went and reclinad the Loft. But did not see anything, but one flying fish. After my trick was out I came down and wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon I went aloft again did not see anything that looked like a spout. Wind from the South to S.W. Wind very moderate. Evening after the top came down we took in the flying jib & topsail. Watch sat at 8 o'clock, my morning watch. So ends to day.

Lat 25=21 Long 57=47

At Sea Tuesday June 16th 1857.

Tuesday morning my watch was called at 2 o'clock am. I found the weather very moderate and pleasant. I went on deck and did not feel very well, so I went down below and took some Cod Oil, for the first time. I did not like it very well as it made me some sick to my stomach. So day is very pleasant and moderate, and the sun is very hot. The Steward is a going to have a tooth extracted, and I shall leave my writing until the operation is over. I went on deck and stayed a while and lo and behold the Steward had his tooth extracted. Mr Hopkins (our Mate) performed the Dental art. I worked on the Rigging a while, and then I went aloft and stood until dinner time, and then I came down and took dinner. Afternoon all hands employed in Ships duty. After I had finished writing in my Journal I went to bunk and had a nap. After I had been to supper I went aloft and stayed until sunset. Evening we took in the mainsail and flying jib. Watch sat at 8 o'clock. After the watch was sat, I took my Pillow and went on deck and slept on the Drunk, it being so warm in the Cabin my watch was called at 10 o'clock and I stood until 12 o'clock. Thus ends this Days Transaction. We are all well to

Lat 26=40 Long 57=52.

On Board Sch^g Warren H. Hill.

At Sea Wednesday June 18th 1857
Wednesday morning The Log board watch was called
at 4 o'clock A.M. I found it to be very pleasant & moderate.
We washed down decks and then went below to breakfast.
After breakfast I went a loft, did not see anything
that looked like a whale. I saw a number of
Dolphins playing a round our Bow. While I was a
Loft. Mr Freeman was to work a setting up the Sapsaw
Stays. After my Trick was out I came down and the
Captⁿ gave me a Porpoise Iron, and I went to work and
ground it for my own use. Then I came down and wrote
a little in my Journal. After I had finished writing
I went on Deck and our watch went to work on the
Rigging while we were at work the Capt is just
crushed his Grains by using it in a dolphin. He
got one small one. We had a Dolphin Chum for
supper, it was very good. After Tea. The Boys all
went in swimming. Evening after the watch was set, I went
and slept in the Stern Boat all night. Thus Ends today.
Lat 25=37 Long 57=47

At Sea Thursday June 18th 1857
Thursday morning we called the Star board watch at
4 o'clock. Wind from the S.W. and very pleasant.
After we called the watch we went below and slept
until breakfast was ready. After breakfast I went to work
and set up my gun, and then I came down and wrote
a little in my Journal. At 5 o'clock Log board watch
on Deck. I went to work on the Fore Rigging. I finished
my job and then I went a Loft. It was very pleasant to
be and very good seeing. I saw a vessel at 11 o'clock A.M.
and judged her to be 20 miles distant? at 12 o'clock my
Trick was out & then I came down to work dinner. Afternoon
moderate with a very little breeze from the South west. I
went a loft at 5 o'clock P.M. Saw no signs of Sperm Whales
Saw 2 merchant vessels, 1 Large Ship and one Brig standing
to the Westward. Evening we took in the mainsail & flying
jib. My watch from 10 to 12. we had one Squall in my
watch but did not last long. So Ends these 24 Hours

On Board Scho'r Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Friday June 19th 1857

Friday morning all Hands called at 4 O'clock A.M. we went to work and washed down decks and then went below to breakfast. The day is very pleasant but very moderate breeze from the South West. After I eat breakfast I went aloft, I did not see any thing that had the appearance of Whales. I saw a large Steamer some distance off. After I came down from aloft I wrote a little in my Journal. While I am writing the Capt is preparing some medicine for Mr Freeman, as he is somewhat unwell to day I think he is threatened some with a fever. After dinner I went aloft and repaired the Top Sail, & then I took my Dick on the Jack. It is very pleasant and beautiful seeing, but I could not see any thing of the kind that we are in search of. Evening at Sun Set. we took in the Main sail & set the Top sail and then retired until my watch. we had a few rain squalls this evening. So Ends These 24 Hours.

At Sea Saturday June 20th 1857

Saturday morning my watch was called at 2 O'clock A.M. I went on Deck and found a strong breeze from the NE with Rain Squalls to numerous to mention we stood until 4 O'clock & then called the Starboard watch, I went below & retired until breakfast time. At 6 O'clock A.M. Wind blowing a strong breeze from the NE. At 7 O'clock A.M. we posted the Fore throat Halliards and down came the Foresail on deck. we rose the Halliards again and singled Reefed the Foresail and Hoisted him up again. Then it was my Lift. I went aloft, it being so rough did not go very high then went head to day. Our 2^d Mate (Mr Freeman) is now better to day, I think he will recover soon, I am in hopes he will, as we miss him a but sick much. Evening at 6 O'clock we took in the Top sail & gibb and she is under singled Reef Foresail. I cannot write so as I can read it, as she is rolling very bad. Fresh Breeze & Squally weather to day. So Ends These 24 Hours.

On Board Schs Varnum H Hill

At Sea Sunday June 21st 1857

Sunday morning my watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. Wind from the North East blowing a strong breeze. After breakfast I went on deck and a good part of the time. There is nothing new a going on to day worth journalizing. We are now 4 weeks from Home. I think I should like to be at Home to night and go to meeting. I think that Sunday is a very pleasant day at Sea. We are all well on board to day and I am in hopes they are the same at Home. Mr Freeman is much better to day & has been on deck. I got an observation to day & find we are in Lat 25-51. Evening after tea I went below and wrote a little in my Journal. Watch was set at 8 o'clock my first watch to night. After my watch was out I went below & retired. Thus Ends today.
Lat 25-51

At Sea Monday June 22nd 1857

Monday morning the last watch was called at 4 o'clock, we washed down decks and then I went to loft. Wind from the Eastward and blowing quite a strong breeze. Mr Freeman caught one large dolphin this morning. The Capt. had a tooth extracted this morning. Mr Hapkins performed the dental art. I think he will make quite a dentist if he still has practice. I have suffered much with the tooth ache to day. But I am in hopes to have courage enough by & by to have it extracted. Afternoon my watch below. I came below and retired for a while. At 3 o'clock I got up and wrote a little in my Journal. After I had finished writing it was my loft. I went up & stayed until 5 o'clock and then I came down and took tea. Evening. We had a dolphin Chowder for supper. Evening watch was set at 8 o'clock my first watch. After my watch was out I went below and retired. Thus Ends these 24 Hours

Lat 30-44 Long 58-21

On Board Schooner Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Tuesday June 23rd 1857

Tuesday morning the Larboard watch was called at 4 o'clock. It was my first shift. I went aloft and stopped until breakfast time and then I came down and took breakfast. By day wind from the S.W. and very pleasant. After breakfast we hoisted the mainsail and Jiffy topsail and stood to the N.E. my watch was out at 8 o'clock. Josiah Wharf met with a sad accident this morning, as he was getting to go to the Mast Head, he struck his foot against a spread that was lying on deck and cut his foot very bad. Mrs Freeman sewed up the wound. After my watch was out I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon, my first shift - after dinner I went aloft and relieved Mr Freeman. Josiah did not stand in shift to day as his foot is cut pretty bad. While I was aloft the Capt came up & rose a fish & looking but did not see it afterwards. It was very good seeing to day, but we have seen nothing that looked like whales. Evening After Tea we took in sail. So Ends there 24 Hours.
Lat 32=00 Long 57=00

At Sea Wednesday June 24th 1857

Wednesday morning. Larboard watch below until 6 o'clock. at 6 o'clock rose and breakfasted Wind from S.E. and quite a strong breeze. After breakfast I wrote a little in my Journal. My shift at 8 o'clock. at 8 A.M. I went up and relieved the shift. I stopped until 10 o'clock and then I came down and went to work making Scrub Boards. Afternoon my watch below. we have it quite pleasant to day but quite a fresh breeze from E.E. we are still making an Eastern Course. we are running our course E by S. we ran our course all day & all night we did not hoist the mainsail to day, as there was a very strong breeze. Evening After the shift came down we took in the jib and furled it. Watch set at 8 o'clock. my first watch I stood until 10 o'clock and then called the other watch. Then I went below and retired. So Ends there Twenty Four Hours.

Lat 32=05 Long 51=44

On Board Sch^s Varnum H. Hill.

At Sea Thursday June 25th 1857

Thursday morning the Larboard watch was called at 4 o'clock. Wind from the S.E. blowing a fresh breeze. It was my first shift I went a shift and stopped until 6 o'clock. Then I came down and took breakfast. After breakfast we set the 3rd sail. we have it very squally to day with Rain Showers. We are still running our course E by S. At 8 o'clock my watch below. I came down and wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon. After dinner my first shift. I went a shift and stopped until 2 o'clock. Then I came down on deck. we have it very squally this afternoon. After I came down from a shift I went below and looked over my chest. There I found a lot of confectionary a number of Rools of Lozengers and a Cent with a piece of Paper on it with this inscription. Don't forget Old Rich. The contents were put in. by Messrs Rich and Kilbourn. Evening After Tea we took in sail and sat the watch. So Ends These 24 Hours.

Lat 32=00 Long 53=18

At Sea Friday June 26th 1857

Friday morning my watch was called at 2 o'clock. I went on deck and found that we had it very squally with numerous Rain Showers. After my watch was out I went below and retired. At 6 o'clock I got up and breakfasted. To day we have a moderate breeze from the S.E. and a very squally day it is. After breakfast I wrote a little in my Journal. After I finished writing I went on deck and took my drink a shift. I think we shall have it squally the remainder part of the day as it has the appearance of it very much. Afternoon After dinner I went below and slept a while at 4 o'clock I went a shift and stopped until supper time. I saw a Brig we suppose that she was a whaler. Evening my first watch. After my watch was out I went below and commenced killing Bed Bugs. These Twenty Four Hours Ends with mally weathers, and numerous Rain Showers.

Lat 31=53 Long 52=00

On Board Schooner Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Saturday June 27th 1857

Saturday morning my watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. I went on deck and found it very squally with Rain Showers. I went to Loft and stayed until breakfast time. Then I came below & breakfasted. It Rains very hard and the prospect looks very good for Rain Showers throughout the day. After breakfast I went on deck and stayed until my watch was out. Then I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon After dinner I went to Loft and stayed until 2 o'clock, we have had several very heavy Rain Showers this afternoon. At 3 o'clock P.M. we had it to clear off quite pleasant. we now have the wind from the South West and quite a fresh Breeze. Our Cook is unwell to day, he was not able to attend to his duty. Evening After Tea I came down below and wrote a little in my Journal. at 6¹/₂ o'clock we took in the Topsail and Gibb. at 8 o'clock retired until my watch. So Ends these 24 Hours with Rain Squalls.

Lat 31=50 Long 50=38.

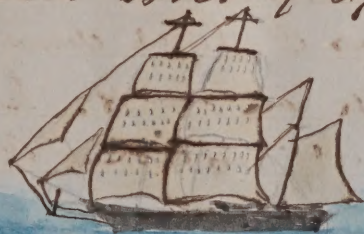
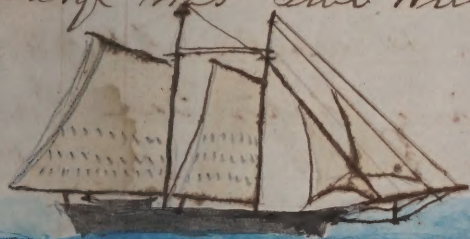
At Sea Sunday June 28th 1857

Sunday morning rose at 6 o'clock and breakfasted. To day we have a strong breeze from the South West. After breakfast I took my shoes on deck and cleaned them as they were very muddy. we have had several Rain Showers this forenoon. Mr Freeman and my self got an observation to day by watching chances, we had to pick a chance as it was very cloudy. we find that we are in Lat 32=15. Afternoon after dinner I wrote a little in my Journal. we have it some squally this afternoon. After I had finished writing in my Journal I retired for a while. we took Tea at 5 o'clock this afternoon. After Tea I sat down and wrote a few lines to my wife. The vessel is rolling very bad and I cant make much progress in writing. we have a strong breeze to day from the South West. Evening watch set at 8 o'clock. my 2^d watch I stood from 10 to 12 o'clock. Then I went below & retired. So Ends these 24 Hours with windy weather & Rain Squalls.

To day Lat 32=15.

On Board Scho'r Varnum H. Hill
At Sea Monday June 29th 1858

Monday morning the Larboard watch was called at 4 o'clock. I went on deck and washed down. we then sat the Bysail and Gibb. and then took breakfast. Wind blowing a strong breeze from the westward. Afters breakfast I went a loft and stayed until 8 o'clock. Then I came down. I did not see anything but Flying Fish. I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon Afters dinner I went to work a Drafting a Fluke Wasp. At 2 o'clock P.M. I made a sail standing right for us. At 5 o'clock P.M. we ran a long and spoke her. and found her to be the Barge Ser & Mary of Westport. She has been out 20 months. we hove to and lowered a way the Starboard Boat and sent a board and stayed a while. At 6 o'clock our Boat came a Board. we took the Boat in the Cranes. The Barge has Three Hundred Bbls of Spum Oil.



A short distance from the Barge, there was a Brig. The Capt was a board of the Barge. They had been gaming together all day. The Brig's name was Almira of Mattapovet. She has been Eleven months, and has Forty Bbls Spum Oil. I think she has been rather unfortunate. Afters our Capt came a Board we took up the Boat, and took in sail. Afters we had shortened sail, there was a disturbance with the Boys forward. There was one man. He seemed to abuse the other Boys. The Capt had talked to him several times. but it made no impression on his mind, so last night he struck one of the Boys, and the Capt called him aft. and Hand Cuffed him. we thought we should have trouble in getting on the Irons. Afters we had got on the Irons, they put him in the Afters Hold. The Capt thinks of keeping on the Hand Cuffs a while. Afters the watch was set I went below and retired until my watch was called. Ends These 24 Hours. with a man in Irons
Lat 32=28 Long 50=41

3 On Board Scho. Varmum H. Hill

Lat 32=15 Long 50=11

At Sea Tuesday June 30th 1857

Tuesday morning my morning watch. I called the Starboard watch at 4 O'clock, and then went below and retired until 6 O'clock. After breakfast I went to work and cleaned all my spades. Then I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. at 8 O'clock it is our watch on deck. In day the Wind is blowing a strong Breeze from the South West. we have on the Foresail Gills and Tugsail. and she is rolling very bad and there is a High Sea & running. at 8 O'clock I went on deck we have it very Rough and a bad sea running. we lowered down the Foresail and singled Reefed it, and Haisted it up again. At 10 O'clock I went a Loft. The Barge and Brig were in sight. but were a long distance to the Leeward. I stopped a Loft until 12 O'clock, then I came down and took dinner. Afternoon. After dinner I laid down for a while. At 4 O'clock P.M. our watch on deck. Evening After Tea I went a Loft, and stopped until 6 O'clock. We did not shorten Sail to night. we have the Foresail Tugsail & Gills set. I came down below and finished writing a letter to my Wife. I have commenced writing one for Lemuel back. After I finished writing letters I wrote in my Journal. Then my Watch on deck. So Ends These 24 Hours, with a man in Irons.

At Sea Wednesday July 1st 1857

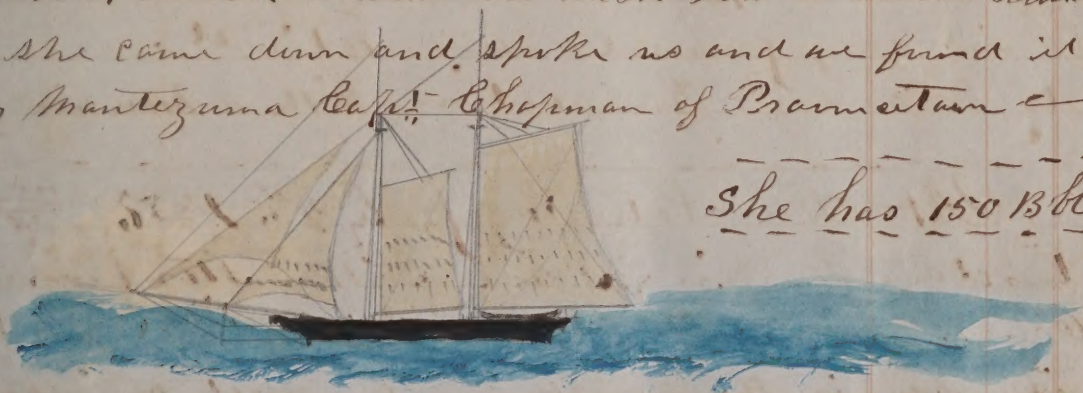
Wednesday morning, This Day opened with fine and pleasant weather. The Starboard watch was called at 4 O'clock. I went on Deck and washed down. After I washed off decks we took the Reef out of the Foresail and set the Flying Gills. Then took breakfast. After breakfast they Haisted the Mainsail and Gills Tugsail. I went a Loft and stopped until 8 O'clock. Then I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon. After dinner I went to work and cut out 2 wooden Whales. At 2 O'clock I went a Loft and stopped until 4 O'clock. There was a very fresh Breeze from the South West, and I found it quite a task to hold on. After my watch was out I came below and took Tea. Evening. After Tea we took in the Mainsail. At 8 O'clock I wrote a little in my Journal. Then Retired. Thus Ends This Day, with a man in Irons.

Lat 31=37 Long 50=57.

$\frac{11}{3}$ On Board Sch^y Warren H. Hill $\frac{11}{3}$

$\frac{11}{3}$ At Sea Thursday July 2^d 1857 $\frac{11}{3}$

Thursday morning my watch on deck at 2 O'clock. I called the Starboard watch at 4 O'clock, then I went below and retired until 6 O'clock. Then I rose and breakfasted. After breakfast I went on deck and we hoisted the main-sail. We have a pleasant breeze today from the Westward. At 10 O'clock A.M. I went aloft; did not see any thing that looked like a Sperm. I saw a very pretty Barg standing to the Westward. At 12 O'clock I came down and took dinner. We had Boiled Beef and Green Corn for dinner. Afternoon my watch below till O'clock. At 4 O'clock I went on deck saw a vessel running down for us. She came down and spoke us and we found it to be the Sch^r Manteguma Capt. Chapman of Provincetown.



She has 150 Bbls whale

She came along to the Leeward of us and hove to. The Captain lowered a way his Boat and came aboard with his Boats crew, and stayed and took Tea. Our Mate {Mr Hopkins} took his Boats crew and went on board of the Manteguma. We sailed a long together all the Afternoon. After tea we took in main-sail and jib. Evening Joseph Francis lowered a way the Starboard Boat and went on board the Manteguma and got a Violin and on a board, I played several Tunes, but I could not do much at it, as she was minus of an E String. We have the Violin on board of our vessel and I expect it will be some time before they see it again. At 10 O'clock this evening Blue Boat went on Board. We went below and all retired but myself. I am writing up my Journal. It is my watch at 10 O'clock. At 10 I went on deck. Found it very pleasant weather with a moderate breeze and moon shining brightly. My watch was up I came below & retired. Blue Ends this day's work with us men in Irons. Lat 31-00 Long 51-32

On Board Scho'r Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Friday July 3^d 1857

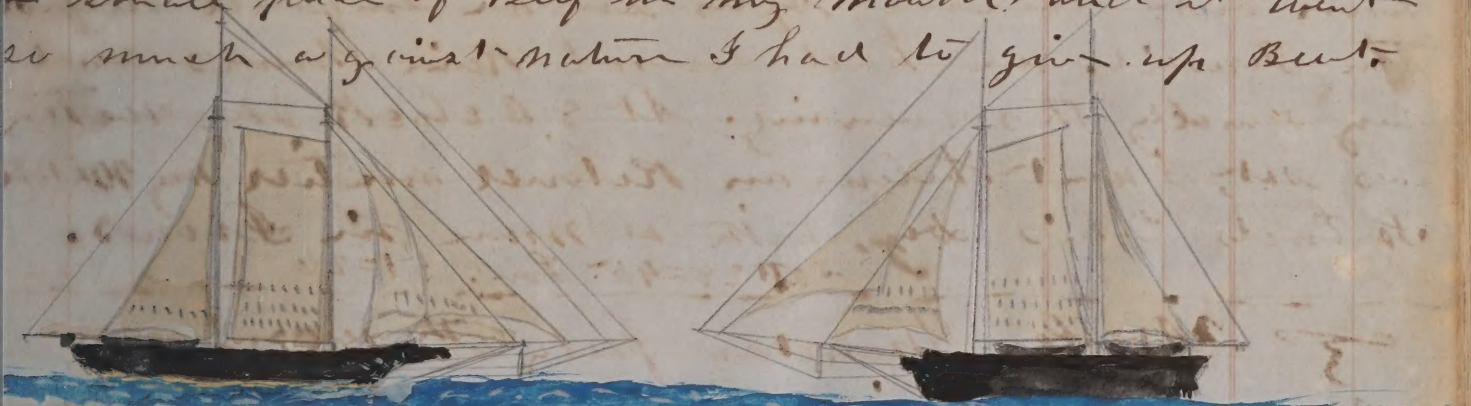
Friday morning The Starboard watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. I went on deck and worked down for and aft. This day opened with fine pleasant and moderate weather, wind from the South west and a light breeze. The Scho'r Montezuma is to the Leeward of us. At 5 O'clock this morning she made sail and stood to the Eastward, at 8 O'clock A.M. she is out in sight: at 8 O'clock we made sail and stood to the Westward. After breakfast I went to the loft and stood until 8 O'clock, then came below and wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon our watch on deck, I went to the Loft at 2 O'clock and stayed until 4 O'clock. Evening after tea I wrote a little in my Journal, then retired. So Ends this day's transaction, with a Man in Irons.

At Sea Saturday July 4th 1857

Saturday morning I called the Starboard watch at 4 O'clock then went below and retired until 6 O'clock. It is the Fourth of July and a beautiful and pleasant day it is. I was thinking that we are some distance from Home to what I was last Fourth. Last Fourth I was at Home doing business in my Store, and this year the Fourth I am on board the Scho'r Varnum H. Hill, on the Western Sound cruising for sperm whales. I think we could do justice to the day, if we could come in contact with a hundred sperm whale. I think that we should celebrate the day in good style if we should get a large whale. Afternoon as I came down from the Loft I saw a Scho'r of our Liebow. we gibbed ship and ran for her. At 2 O'clock P.M. we came down and spoke her. found it to be the Scho'r Washington of Edgartown. we came to anchor, his Liebow, 3rd Capt. Samuel and his Boat and came on Board of us. Mr Hopkin {Our Mate} took their Boat and his Boat's crew came on Board of them, I went in the Boat and took our Boatsteer's place. We game together all the Afternoon, Our vessel run

On Board Schooner *Barren* H. Hill

3 At Sea Fourth Day of July
All man-out-of sight. At 6 o'clock Mr Hopkins and myself, were called down to see, I suppose they called it so! but I should call it something else. We set up to the table and tried to — commence operation, but I must say that the food they had on the table rather went against our Digestive Organs, and it was a boring human nature to partake of it. However Mr Hopkins and myself did what we could, to get our masters to work, but it seemed to go against the grain. All there was on the table, was 6 Biscuits of Bread and 6 slices of unseasoned Beef, I took a small piece of Beef in my mouth and it went so much against nature I had to give up Beef.



But we finished as soon as time would permit and I got on deck as fast as possible, and I felt quite relieved when I commenced to inhale fresh air again. We were on board of our vessel at 7 o'clock P.M. and glad was I for it seemed more like a going home. And I will now say that I never partook of such a meals victuals on the Fourth of July and I am in hopes I never shall again. That is about all that I have to say about the whaling schooner *Washington*. We were on board of our vessel at the time the boat went on board of the *Washington*. This evening I partook of the best piece of my Ham & after I found it to be very good, but made me feel rather loathsome while eating it. I wrote a little in my Journal & then went on deck and stood until 12 o'clock, then went below & retired.
6 Ends This Fourth of July. with a Man in Irons.
Lat 28=40 Long 51=41

On Board Schooner Hornum H Hill.

At Sea Sunday July 5th 1857.

Sunday morning we and breakfasted at 6 O'clock. Wind blowing a strong breeze from the North East. After breakfast I went on deck and stayed a while, and then came below and retired until 12 O'clock the took dinner. Afternoon I went on deck and stayed until 2 O'clock, then came down and wrote a little in my Journal. The Schooner was in sight all day, she has had a light up to day, I am glad that we do not whale on the Sabbath. Saturday the 4th of July I went to work and washed some of my clothes, as it is the first washing I have done since I have been out. Evening After Tea we singled Keefed the Pursuit. we had several Rain Showers and very Squally this Evening. At 8 O'clock the watch was set, I went below and retired until my watch so ends this day, with a man in Prison.

Lat 28=45 Long 51=20

At Sea Monday July 6th 1857.

Monday morning, this day opens with fresh breeze from the North East and very Squally. After breakfast we took the Pursuit off the Gibb as the wind kept a breezing. At 8 O'clock I went on deck did not see anything that looked like Spouters. At 11 O'clock A.M. the Bigger was let loose. The Capt took of the Hand Cuffs. So now he is at Liberty again. Afternoon Wind still blowing a fresh breeze from the North East and very Rough a running. High After dinner I laid down as it was my watch below. At 4 O'clock P.M. my watch on deck I went on deck and stayed until 5 O'clock, then came down and took Tea. Evening After Tea we took in the Gibb and furlled it, then I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. My first watch I stood until 10 O'clock then retired. So ends this twenty four hours, & the man is out of prison.

3 On Board Scho. Hermann H. Hill 3

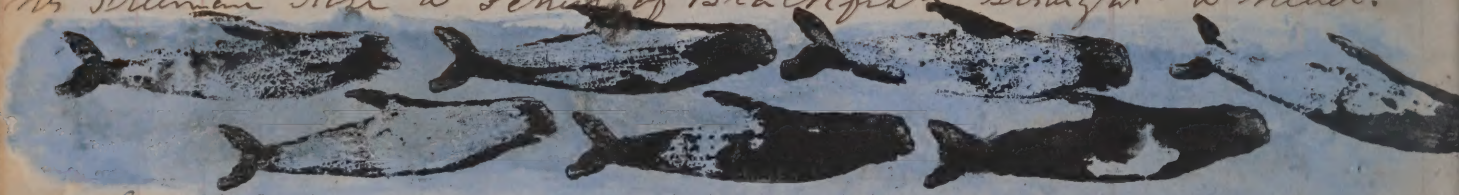
3 At Sea Tuesday July 7th 1857 3
Tuesday morning. The Larboard watch was called at 4 o'clock. Wind this morning blowing a strong breeze from the North East. we have singled Reef Foresail Taysail & Bunt off the Gibb. I went a lift at 4 o'clock and stopped until 6 then I came down and took breakfast. Wind still a breeze, we are running our course to the Southward. At 8 o'clock our watch below. I laid down a while and then took dinner. Afternoon after dinner I was my first lift; I went up and stopped until 2 o'clock. At 4 o'clock our watch was up. Wind rather more moderate. I came below and wrote a little in my Journal then took Tea. Evening after Tea I took the violin on deck and played several times on three strings, I have not got the 2 string. I played until 8 o'clock then the watch was set. I went below & retired, but could not get to sleep as the Bed Bugs raised their heads. So Ends to day.
Lat 28 = 35 Long 51 = 24

3 At Sea Wednesday July 8th 1857 3
Wednesday morning. This day opens with a fine and pleasant breeze from the North East. After breakfast I went to work and cleaned all my specks. Then I went a lift and stood until 10 o'clock. After I came down I went to work and made a strainer to go in side of a Scotch Coak for the oil to run off. Then took dinner. Afternoon after dinner my watch below. I came below and wrote a little in my Journal, we have it very pleasant to day and the sailing very good. Our watch on deck at 4 o'clock I went a lift and stopped until 5 o'clock then I came down and took Tea. Evening at 6 o'clock we took in the mainsail and Gibbs & furled them. Then I went and got the violin and played until 8 o'clock. At 8 o'clock my first watch I felt unwell all of my watch I stood until 10 then went below & retired. Thus Ends 24 Hours with pleasant weather.
Lat 28 = 51 Long 51 = 12

3 On Board Sch^{rs} Varnum H. Hill 3

At Sea Thursday July 9th 1857

Thursday morning our watch was called at 4 o'clock. I went on deck and went a loft. This day opens with fine and pleasant weather. I stayed a loft until 6 o'clock then came down & took breakfast. Wind blowing a light breeze from the North East and pleasant. At 8 o'clock our watch below. I went below and done some mending. I mended 2 Pairs of Ours Halls & 1 Boot. After I had finished them I wrote a little in my Journal. After I had finished writing we took dinner. Afternoon my first Loft. I went up at 12 o'clock and stayed until 2 o'clock. I eat 2 Rools of Loggers while was a loft & it made me some what home sick. I came down at 2. I had not been down but a few minutes before Mr. Freeman saw a School of Blackfish straight ahead.



We lowered But they were so wild we could not get near them. They chased them a while and found it was no use & then came a board. Evening After watch was set I retired. So ends to day.

Lat 30=06 Long 50=47

At Sea Friday July 10th 1857

Friday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 o'clock A.M. After breakfast we hoisted the Mainsail. After we had got the Mainsail hoisted I came below and scanned out the School of Blackfish that we saw yesterday. At 8 o'clock I went a Loft & stayed until 10. So say we have it very pleasant and moderate. Wind blowing a gentle breeze from the South West. We have it so pleasant to say I am in hopes that we shall see a Spum Whale before night. Afternoon. After dinner I wrote a little in my Journal. Our watch below until 4 o'clock. I went a Loft we had it very calm, so we lowered a way all of our Sails. I stayed a Loft until 5 o'clock. Then came down and took Tea. Evening. After Tea we furled our Mainsail & hoisted the Foresail. My first watch. After my watch I retired. So ends to day's Transactions.

Lat 31=26 Long 50=36

3 On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Saturday July 11th 1858 3
Saturday morning the Landward watch was called
at 4 o'clock A.M. I went a-Loft and stayed until
breakfast-time, then I came down & breakfasted.
So by we have a light-breeze & fine weather.
Wind from the South west. After breakfast I went
to work and mixed some black Paint-to Paint the
Boats. There is a Brig off our weather beam a running
a-Long by the wind with us. I do not know who
she is. I am in hopes that she will run down
and speak us before the day is out. She was
in sight yesterday. At 10 o'clock the Capt of the Brig
came on Board, we found her to be the Brig March



Capt Lewis of Mattapoisett. She has been out 8 months
from Home and has 120 Bbls. Spinn & Bbls of Black-
fish Oil. The Captain stayed a-board of us until
6 o'clock and then went a-board of his own vessel.
He carried some papers a-board with him. After
went a-board we ran our course S.P.W. we have it
very pleasant to day and I am in hopes that we
will raise a School of Spinn whale before night.
Afternoon. very moderate and the sun is very warm.
After dinner I went a-Loft and tried my utmost
to Raise a Spinn whale. but did not succeed.
I stayed a-Loft until 2 o'clock and my watch
was out. I came down on deck. After I came down
I went a-Loft and set up the Fore Topmast
Rigging. I took it down very tight and I
think it will answer much better. After I came down on
deck. Evening After Ben & I took in a pair of my
flippers. I thrashed my old Boat-Over-board.
I think they done me pretty good service. Watch
at 4 o'clock. I went below & retired until my watch.
So Ends this days Transaction with good weather.
Lat 31 = 10 Long 50 = 13

3 On Board Ship Barrum H Hill 3

3 At Sea Sunday July 12th 1857 3

Sunday morning Rose and I breakfasted. Wind from the North East. After breakfast I went on deck and stepped. At 8 o'clock A.M. The wind came in to the South West & we had a very heavy Rain Squall - when the wind came in. I stepped on deck until 12 o'clock then went below to dinner. Sunday is rather a Lonesome day to Sea. If I was at Home to day I think I should attend Church. Afternoon. After dinner I turned in to my bunk as it was my watch below. I slept until 4 o'clock and then took Tea. Evening after Tea I wrote a little in my Journal. It has the appearance of being a very Squally night. It looks very black all around the Horizon. My 2nd Watch to night - so I shall not return until my watch is out. I went on deck at 10 o'clock & stepped until 12. I had it very Squally in my watch with Lightning. After my watch was out - went below & retired. So Ends this Sunday.
Lat 31 = 50 Long 51 = 31

3 At Sea Monday July 13th 1857 3

Monday morning 3rd The Lead board watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. I went to work and washed down decks and then we Hoisted the Foresail & Flying Gibb. We have a strong breeze from the South West - to day & still keeps a breezing. After breakfast I went a Loft and stepped until 8 o'clock, and I thought that she would shake me out of my Boots. After I came down from a Loft I wrote a little in my Journal. As it was my watch below I retired. Afternoon Wind blowing a very strong breeze. we have the Foresail & Keel and Bonnet off the Gibb. I went a Loft at 2 o'clock. I had not been there but a few minutes when there came a very heavy Squall with numerous Rain Showers. I stepped a Loft until 4 o'clock. Then came down. Evening. After watch was set I went below and retired. So Ends this Day with Rain Squall

On Board Scho. Barnum H Hill

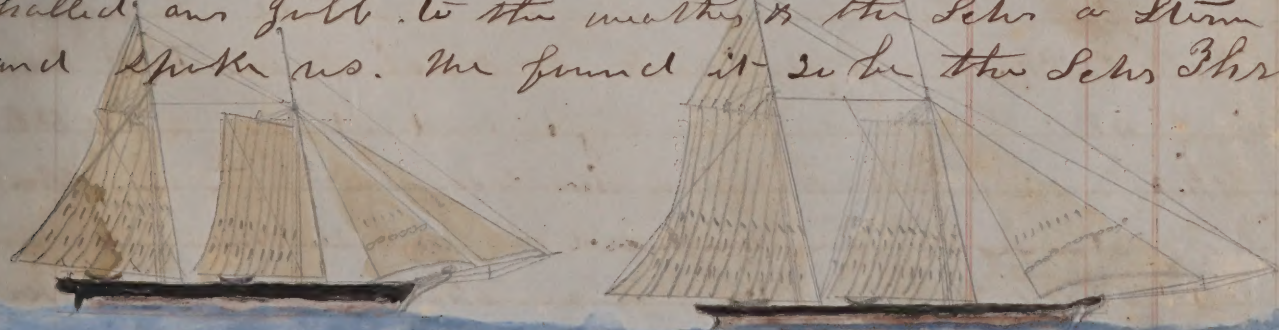
At Sea Tuesday July 14th 1857

Tuesday morning my watch was called at the hour of 2 O'clock A.M. I stepped until 4 O'clock then called the Starboard watch. Then went below and retired until breakfast was ready. At 6 O'clock rose & breakfasted. After breakfast I wrote a little in my Journal. After I had finished writing in my Journal, I went on deck and went to work and cleaned all my spades. At 8 O'clock A.M. I went a Lift and stepped until 12 O'clock. Then I came down & took dinner. Afternoon after dinner I laid down a while at 4 O'clock P.M. Our watch on deck. After tea I went a Lift and stepped until 6 O'clock. Evening after I came down from Lift and took in the Drogail & two gibbs and furlled them. At 8 O'clock watch was set; my 2^d watch so I shall not return until my watch is out & that will be 12 O'clock. I came below & wrote a little in my Journal & then took my watch on deck. So Ends these 24 Hours.

Lat 31=52 Long 51=51

At Sea Wednesday July 15th 1857

Wednesday morning. The Starboard watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. This day opens with pleasant weather and a moderate breeze from the South west. At 5 O'clock A.M. Mr. Freeman rose a vessel a stern. At 5³⁰ O'clock he gave the alarm of them she below. They were a short distance to the windward we tooked ship and ran as then. They proved to be a School of Sperm Whales. We halled our gill to the weather & the Scho a Stern and up and spoke us. We found it to be the Scho Phremer



Capt. Leonard Small of Boston. We are both of us running to the Postward. She is off our weather Quarters. Evening we took in. So Ends these Twenty Four Hours with pleasant weather.

Lat 32=30 Long 49=37.

3 On Board Scho. Marmion H Hill 3

At Sea Thursday July 16th 1857.

Thursday morning. I called the Starboard watch at 4 O'clock A.M. Then I went below and retired. I did not rest my well last night. The Bed Bugs was masters and drove me out of my Berth and I went on deck and slept on the Houn. Joseph Francis and myself went down to our Berths and commenced the apparation of Planghtering Bed Bugs. we began to Planghter at 8 O'clock P.M. and we keep up apparation until 10 O'clock P.M. I think that we must have killed more than a Peck Measure full. for I never see so many Bug in all my life. And I do not think that either of us ever committed so much Murder before. we killed until 10 O'clock and found that we did not hear them any, and then we both went on deck and slept on the Houn. I expect that we shall all of us run into Bed Bugs before we get Home, as we are over run with that race of Quadrupeds. After breakfast we hoist the mainsail & Gaff Topsail and run our course to the Eastward. We have a strong breeze from the South West. I saw a quantity of Gulf Weed. At 10 O'clock I went to a Loft. The wind is rather more moderate. I saw a vessel to the windward of us, she is running a long the same course that we are. The Capt. has been a painting a whale on his boat. it is painted on the bottom and goes the whole length of the Boat. At 12 O'clock I came down from a Loft and took dinner. Afternoon After dinner I wrote a little in my Journal. My watch below until 4 O'clock P.M. I am in hopes that we shall see a whale before night. At 4 O'clock P.M. I went on deck. At 5 O'clock we took Tea. Evening After Tea I went to a Loft and stayed until 6 O'clock. I saw that vessel that has been in company with us. She was a long distance to the windward of us so we did not find out when she is. But suppose that she is a whaler. Evening. After we had took in sail I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. It is my 2^d watch, so I shall have to retire until 12 O'clock. I do not expect to get to sleep because the Bed Bugs will bite me so. So Ends 3^d Day.

Lat 33=32. Long. 48=08

3 On Board Scho'r Varnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Friday July 17th 1857 3
Friday morning our watch was called at 4 o'clock
A.M. This day opens with fine and pleasant wind from the
South West. I went on deck and worked down, we then set the flying
jib & struck the Reef out of the Foresail & Haisled it: we then
hoisted the Mainsail & Gaff Topsail and twisted them, we did
not call the other watch for help. This is the first time that
a watch twisted the Mainsail without the help of the
this watch. we got the Mainsail twisted & found that
the halliards were strangled. Mr. Hapkins and myself
went up and repaired them before breakfast. we then came
down and breakfasted. After breakfast I went aloft - I
found it was very good seeing. Saw that some Scho'r to the
windward of us, so not know who it is, but we suppose it is
the Scho'r Thirion Capt. Small. Saw several schools of
Porpoises, one school crossed our bow Mr. Freeman from
the Harpoon at once but did not succeed in catching him.
At 8 o'clock my watch below. I came from aloft and
came below and wrote a little in my journal. After
finishing writing I think I shall retire for a while, as
did not sleep much last night - the Bed Bugs fairly
took possession of my berth. Joseph Francis & myself went
to work on killing Bed Bugs. we killed a hundred & twenty & then
Joseph fetched down a Mallet to smother them in the head.
we quited slaying at 10 o'clock & I took my watch and
went until 12 o'clock. One of my watch mates is unwell
he has been unwell for several days. his name is Daniel -
Primes. Afternoon. After dinner I went to work on painting the
water ways I painted until 2 o'clock then I went aloft.
To day all hands are employed in Ships duty. Some
are doing down the Rigging others are to work on scraping
down the Topsides: while I was aloft saw several schools
of Spum Grampuses & a number of Porpoises. At 3 o'clock
P.M. The Scho'r to the windward ran down for us
it being calm she did not get very near us. Our Capt.
lowered a way his Boat and went on board, it proved
to be the Scho'r Thirion Capt. Small. They pulled some
distance to get a bunch. After they got a bunch three
boats { Mr. Nathan Small of Portsmouth } took our Boat

3 On Board Sch^y Warren H Hill 3

At Sea Thursday July 16th 1857.

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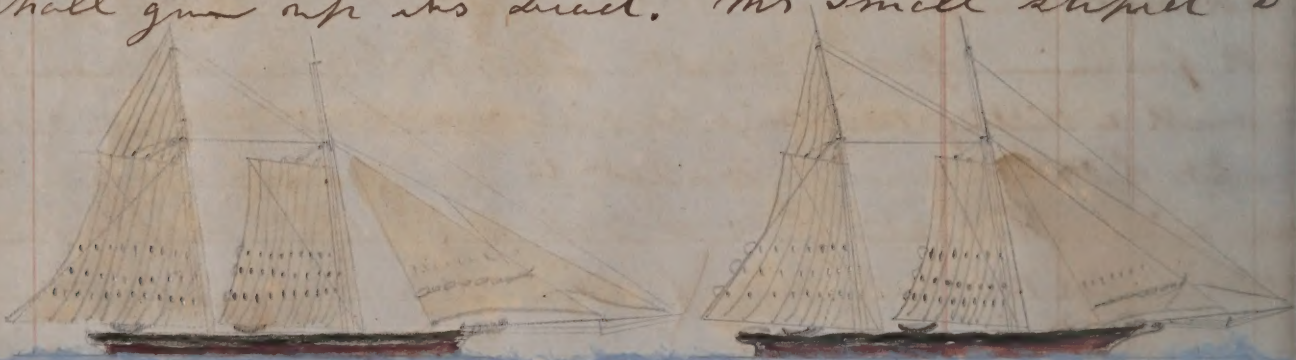
Lat 33=32 Long 48=08

3 On Board Scho'r Varnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Friday July 17th 1857 3
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A.M. This day opens with fine and pleasant wind from the
South West. I went on deck and worked down, we then set the flying
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On Board Schs Warrum H Hill

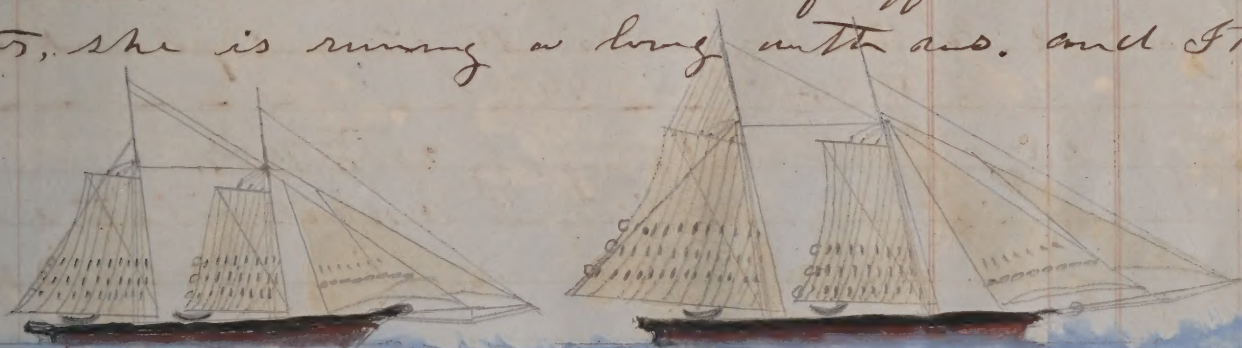
and came on board of us. His Boat stuns came a
board with him it was Mr Josiah Riches of Provincetown
I seemed very good to have two Provincetown men on board
The one the first that have been on board that
I was acquainted with. They have been rather unfortunate
since they left Home on the 12 of June The last 2 men
Ship Keepers. He fell from a Loft. He was standing at
Main Head on a look out for Spum Whales. He fell &
Struck the Main Hatch and then fell in the Hold.
His name was Ham, I think they told me that he
belonged to East-Boston. I think it must be very
sad news when his Parents have to hear the
sad tidings. They would have carried him into Port;
but the were a Thousands miles distant from any
land and had very moderate weather, so they could
not get him in. So you see that the deep Blue Ocean
had to be his Tomb. They had the Collars twisted
half 2 upmost & the Capt read a Chapter from the
and then they dropped him over board, he sank to
rise no more until the Judgement day, when the
Sea shall give up its dead. Mr Smell stepped a



board of us until 10 o'clock, Josiah and myself
had a very good time a talking a bit. Home. And
I must say that it made me feel some loneliness
when he came to go on board of his vessel. At 6
o'clock we took in our mainsail & Flying Jib.
After they went a board I went on deck and slept
on the House, for I must say that the Bed Bugs
have conquered & took possession of my Berth. This
day clears with fair and pleasant weather from the
South west. The Thim is close by us. So Ends 3d day.
Lat 34=28 Long 45=33.

3 On Board Schs Vermun H. Hill 3

At Sea Saturday July 18th 1858.
Saturday morning I called the Starboard watch at 10 o'clock A.M. and then went below and retired until 6 o'clock. At 6 o'clock we break fast. After breakfast I was on watch below until 8 o'clock I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. At 8 o'clock I went on deck and went to work a painting the Black work. I painted the Rails and windlass Ears. I worked until 10 o'clock then I went a loft. At 9 o'clock Mr. Freeman was a Loft and saw a large School of Fish breaching to the windward of us. We Tacked Ship and hoisted the Staysail and ran for them we thought they might possibly be a School of Sperm Whales. When we neared them we found them to be Sperm Grampuses. we then Tacked Ship and ran to the leeward. The Schs Thrinor is off our weather weather, she is running a long with us. and I think



not she gives us a pretty sight-full. She is the first vessel that we have been in company with that has held us any play before. While I was a loft I saw several School of Grampuses & also of Porpoises. At 12 o'clock came down and took dinner. Afternoon on watch below. Evening After Tea I went a loft and stayed until 6 o'clock. we then took in sail. This day has been very pleasant: we have a very moderate breeze from the South west: This Evening when we took in sail the Schs Thrinor is some distance a stern. we have given a good chase this morning. I am in hopes that he will be a run down as soon as it is Sunday. I think that he would run on end of us. At 8 o'clock wrote in my Journal. So Ends 20 days.
Lat. 34=30 Long 40=35

3 On Board Schooner Varnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Sunday July 19th 1857 3

Sunday morning we and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. This Day commences with fine and pleasant weather. In day we have the wind from the South West and moderate. After breakfast Joseph Francis and myself took our Bed clothes on deck and went to work a Slaughtering Bed Bugs. It was the greatest sight that ever I beheld. our clothes were all covered with that race of Lucidipeds. we killed all we could find then left our clothes on deck to air. Afternoon After - dinner we took our Charts on deck and took out all my clothes to air. we then went down and scraped all the cracks that we could find in the Berths. After our clothes got well aired we took them below and we made up our Berths. it is the first time that my Berth has been made up for the voyage. I am in hopes to sleep sound to night. Last night I did not close my Eyes there was so many Bed Bugs. Evening After 2 we went below and wrote in my Journal. So this Day Ends with fine and pleasant weather.

Lat 34=25 Long 44=25

At Sea Monday July 20th 1857.

Monday morning my watch was called at 12 O'clock I stood until 2 O'clock and then went below and retired. At 6 O'clock rose and breakfasted. This Day commences with fresh Sails from S.E. to E.S.E. After breakfast we set the Try sail. we kept to our old course E.S.E. At 8 O'clock A.M. my first Light. Wind blowing so fresh and a bad sea running did not go up in the Jacks. stood at Mast Head. Saw a large quantity of Gulf Weed and several pieces of Bitter Squid. At 10 O'clock I came down. Afternoon Wind rather more moderate. After dinner we hoisted the Mainsail. and ran off our old course our Watch below this Afternoon. I retired until 4 O'clock At 4 O'clock P.M. I went a light. Saw a Schooner a long distance ahead. do not think that we shall get close to speak her to night. At 6 O'clock I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. Evening At 8 O'clock I took my first Watch to night. After my watch was out I came below and retired. I am in hopes to sleep sound to night as I think we have killed the Bed Bugs now. So Ends The Day.

Lat 34=18 Long 43=57.

3 On Board Scho. Varnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Tuesday July 21st 1857 3

Tuesday morning our watch was called at 4 O'clock. This day commences with a moderate breeze from the South west - I went on duty at 4 O'clock. saw three sail of vessels and a Large Ship she was standing to the Southward. supposed that she was a Merchant-Ship. we ran off by the nearest vessel and at 6 O'clock we spoke her and it to be an old company keeper. Scho. Thrus Capt. Leonard Small. We ran down and spoke her she has not seen anything since we saw her last. yesterday she spoke the Brig Sea Flower. she had spoken the Brig Panamas of Provincetown Capt. Busch. she has 140 Bbls of Sperma. I think that she has done the business up here. she sailed a few days before we did. At 6 O'clock I came from a



ft and breakfasted. After breakfast I went to work and cleaned my specks, as I was cleaning my last - spoke & cut my thumb on the end. At 8 O'clock my watch blew I came down and wrote a little in my Journal. After dinner I went on duty. This afternoon we have very pleasant with a light breeze from the South west. I kept a light until 2 O'clock. did not see any signs of sperm Whales. saw two schools of Grampuses. saw that ship standing to the Southward. Evening very pleasant and moderate. At 6 O'clock we took in the mainsail & top sail & flying jib. As we had shortened sail we all went on playing a game of call Hat-Backles. It created quite an excitement - it being the first we have played it - since we left home. After we had finished the game I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. Water at 8 O'clock. We have it very pleasant. this evening but no moon. After writing up my Journal I set out with my watch to find 20 days - Lat 34 = 40. Long 44 = 13.

July

On Board Ship *Barman* H. Hill

At Sea Wednesday July 22nd 1857

Wednesday morning my watch was out - at 2 O'clock. I called my partner then went below and retired. At 6 O'clock rose and breakfasted. To day we have a moderate breeze from the S.W. After breakfast we hoisted the Mainsail and Gaff Topsails. We have it very pleasant to day. At 8 O'clock A.M. my first-
Left I went a lift - and stayed until 10 O'clock A.M. saw one School of Black Fish and several Schools of Grampuss. Also saw a Large Ship standing to the Southward supposed her to be a Merchantman. I have nothing new to Journalize to night - so I must write the same old thing.
Afternoon my watch below. At 4 O'clock P.M. my first-
Left while I was a lift - saw one Porpoise on a cross on Bow. We got the Harpoon in readiness but we did not see him afterwards. At 5 O'clock came down and took Tea. Evening after Tea we took in Sail. Then I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. While I am writing the Capt. & Mr Linnell are playing Checkers. Nothing more for the present. So Ends To Day's Transactions.

Lat 34 = 45 Long 44 = 45

At Sea Thursday July 23rd 1857

Thursday morning my watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. my watch was called I went a lift - and stayed until 6 O'clock. There was nothing in sight - this morning. At 6 O'clock I came down and breakfasted. After breakfast I went on deck. To day we have the wind from the South West and very pleasant. At 8 O'clock our watch below. I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon after dinner my first-
Left. I went a lift at 12 O'clock and stayed until 2 O'clock. Then I came down and went to work in the Main Hold. We broke out the Holes to fill up some water Casks we took several Casks & some wood on deck. Then fill up the Casks there stand the wood back again. Then took Tea. After Tea there was a School of Porpoises. We tried to get one but did not succeed. Evening after Tea we took in Sail. Jasiak and myself sang several times. Then I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. We are from Home 2 months to
So Ends To Day. Lat 34 = 48 Long 43 = 50.

3 On Board Scho. Warren H Hill 3

3 At Sea Friday July 24th 1857 3

Friday morning my watch was out at 2 O'clock, I went below and retired until breakfast time. At 6 AM. rose and breakfasted. This day appears with a strong breeze from the Southward & Westward, but pleasant. After breakfast we hoisted the mainsail and ran our course to the S. Eastward and watch below until 8 O'clock. I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. I went up at 8 O'clock and stopped until 10. Then I came down. Afternoon and watch below. After dinner I went to Deck, I had not been there long before I heard a noise on Deck, I went on Deck and they had got one Porpoise. The Capt. struck him. We are running to the Eastward, it was quite a sight for me to see a porpoise it being the first one that I ever beheld out of water. We had some Porpoise oil for lamps and I found it to be very good. I went up at 4 O'clock P.M. saw 2 large Ships standing to the N. West. At Sunset we took in the mainsail & Flying jib & singled Reefed the Foresail. I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. So Ends 2d Day.
Lat 34=11 Long 43=04

3 At Sea Saturday July 25th 1857 3

Saturday morning my watch was called at 4 O'clock 3d Day we have the wind blowing a very strong breeze from N to N.E. with squalls. At 4 O'clock my watch was called I went up and stopped until 6. We have the singled Reefs Foresail & jib set. At 8 AM wind began to moderate we called the other watch and hoisted the mainsail at 9 O'clock AM. wind still a breeze. It kept on breezing until 12 O'clock. it was then blowing so fresh that we took in the mainsail & Flying jib. Afternoon After dinner I went up. The ship was rolling so bad that we did not go up in the Jack or it is well that we did not, for I think that she would have dashed us over the Board. Evening After Tea rather more moderate but a heavy swell running. After the Light came down I took the violin and Casati & myself sang several times. Mr Freeman has been riding out the Porpoise to day. At 8 O'clock retired. So Ends 3d Day.

On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Sunday July 26th 1857

Sunday morning sun and breakfasted at 6 A.M. We have the wind to day from the S.E. to E.S.E. not very windy but some considerable swell running. After breakfast I took out my Papers called Illustrated London News, they are all employed in reading them. To day it seems some what - Lousome, & I think if I was at Home to day I would attend Church with my wife and little Girl. We have been from Home 2 months & 3 days, and I suppose that we have got to spend 2 more months more before we see our old Native Shore (Provincetown). Afternoon we have it quite moderate & a heavy swell running. After dinner I went in to my Bed and had a Nap. Rose at 6 O'clock P.M. and took Tea. Evening after Tea I wrote a little in my Journal. So not have much to write on Sunday & what little I do write makes me feel some Home sick. Watch set at 8 O'clock. My 2^d Watch so I shall not return until 12 O'clock. Ends 30 days.

Lat 34 = 13. Long 44 = 31

fusion ^{sunrise} Birth Day. Aged 22 years

At Sea Monday July 27th 1857

Monday morning we watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. my partner went a light and I went to work and washed down decks. After I washed off we hoisted the Foresail & Flying Jib. This day opens with fine & pleasant weather. We have a moderate breeze from the N.W. to W.N.W. After breakfast I went a light - saw nothing that looked like Whales. Saw a large Ship standing to the S.W. After my watch was out I came below and retired, as it was our watch below until 12 O'clock. This day I feel rather unwell. After dinner I took four Pills. I have not had any thing to pass me for 10 days. At 5 O'clock P.M. I had an oppression & feel some what better. After dinner I went a light - saw several large pieces of Bitten Squid. At 4 O'clock P.M. we had two Schools of Porpoises to leeward our Bow. I got my old Crow Bar ready but did not use it. The Capt. fastened on but did not use it. Mrs. Freeman fastened also but did not save it. Evening at sunset we took in sail. We have it a most beautiful day & I hope to morrow will be the same. So Ends this 27th day of July

Lat 34 = 15 Long 44 = 54

On Board Ship Barron H Hill.

3 At Sea Tuesday July 28th 1857
Tuesday morning I called the Starboard watch & went below & retired at 6 A.M. rose and breakfasted. After breakfast I went to work and cleaned my specks. At 8 O'clock A.M. our watch I went to work and sat up one of the Bowsprit Stages. At 10 A.M. I went aloft and stayed until 12. To say we have it very pleasant with the wind from N to N.W. we are running off our course to the W.S.W. After dinner I went down in the run and got up a Keg of Lead for the Steerer. Then I wrote a little in my Journal. After I had finished writing I laid down a little while. At 4 O'clock P.M. my watch on deck. After Tea I went aloft and stayed until Sunset. We then took in the Soft Bowsprit & Mainail. Evening I got up the violin and played several songs. At 8 O'clock I went below & wrote a little in my Journal. My 2^d Watch, so I shall not retire until 12 O'clock. So Ends 24 Hours with pleasant weather.
Lat 33=50 Long 46=41

3 At Sea Wednesday July 29th 1857
Wednesday morning my watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. I went up and washed down decks. At 6 we breakfasted. After breakfast my first Left. I went at 6 O'clock and stayed until 8 O'clock. My watch below until 12 O'clock A.M. We have it very fine to say. Wind or moderate breeze from E to E.N.E. I came below & read a while then I laid down. Mr Freeman is here to work a breaking out the Sps Hold to get at some flour & Molasses. Afternoon. After dinner our watch went to work with Mr Freeman. we went to work at 12 O'clock & finished at 2 P.M. At 2 P.M. I went aloft and stayed until 4 P.M. Mr Freeman came aloft and told me all the history concerning himself & Mr Shadel about the Cranbury Patch. and I found it to be quite a history. At Sunset - The Left - Lower way and we took in the Mainail & Soft Bowsprit & put the Bysail. We have not seen anything that looked anything like whales to day. At 8 O'clock came down and wrote a little in my Journal. So Ends 24 hours with fine weather.
Lat 32=26 Long 46=24

& On Board Scho. Warrum H. Hill &

At Sea Thursday July 30th 1857 &

Thursday morning I called the Starboard watch at 4 A.M. At 10 minutes before I called the watch I saw and sail off our weather beam. After I called the watch went below and retired until breakfast time. At 6 A.M. rose and breakfasted. I found that sail to be a large Berg. she is off our weather quarter standing a long weather. we do not know who she is, as we have not spoken her yet we are both of us running to the N.N.E. We have it very pleasant to day with a moderate breeze from E to S.N.E. After breakfast I went to work and cleaned my species. I find that we are beating that Berg shamefully. At 8 O'clock A.M. she squared off and ran her course to the leeward. I think that she found the Warrum rather to much for her, so we did not find out her name. Afternoon very pleasant I went on deck at 5 O'clock P.M. After tea we hoisted a way all 3 Boats and practised the gun. At sunset I filled the Saff Jap sail the wind down. So ends there twenty four hours with fine weather. —

Lat 32 = 44 Long 45 = 50

At Sea Friday July 31st 1857 &

Friday morning my watch was called at 4 A.M. my partner went on deck and I worked down deck. This day opens with fine and pleasant weather but very hot. After breakfast I went on deck while I was on deck there came three Sperm whales a long side the Capt. fired a Ball at one of them & I think that he wounded him. After I came down from on deck we hoisted a way the Starboard Boat to chase them I went and took Best stow place and did not see them after we left the vessel. we were off a short distance then came a breeze & took up the Boat. we have not any sail set as it is calm & very hot. Afternoon At 3 O'clock P.M. we saw a drift-wood on the water, we ran down & took it a bird there was a large school of dolphins around it. the Capt & Mr Freeman caught 8 of them. So to night we had a dolphin chowder & I found it to be very good. Evening At sunset the Capt Mr Freeman & Mr Hopkins practised Target Shooting. So ends this day. I took an observation to day & find our Lat 33 = 33 Long 45 = 46.

3 On Board Sigs Varrum H. Hill 3

3 At-Sea Saturday August-1st day 1857 3

Saturday morning I coiled the Starboard watch at 4 O'clock A.M. Then went below & retired. At 6 A.M. rose and breakfasted. Wind is very moderate and a light breeze from the N.W. Saw this morning a Brig standing to the North West and supposed her to be a merchantman. This brig opens with the appearance of being a very warm one. This morning the boys caught 4 large dolphins.



And we saw several school of porpoises that did not come very near us. After breakfast I went on deck and went to work and cleaned all my Sps. Yesterday is as hot as I ever see it. The Cabin was so warm that most of us went on deck and slept on the Hens. After sunset last evening the Capt. Mr Hepkins & Mr Green practised Target-Shooting. They had a black deer a short distance off on the water, and they fired several rounds a piece, but they were not successful in shooting it. After I cleaned my Sps. I went below and wrote a little in my Journal. It is a hot & O'clock & my watch on deck so I will not write any more for the present. At 10 A.M. I went on deck and slept until 12 O'clock A.M. Then I came down and took dinner. We had fried dolphin for dinner & I found it to be very good. Afternoon my watch below I turned in and a little nap. After tea I went on deck and slept until sunset. We have a light breeze & fair weather. At sunset we took a sail. I furled the Staff Zepail then I came down on a lift. While I was on a lift I saw several school of porpoises breaching. The weather the past week has been very good. The Sky has been cloudy at times but very warm and sultry. We have had no sick this week. We have been from Home 10 weeks to day. Evening I wrote a little in my Journal So Ends 2^o day.
Lat 34=00 Long 45=30.

On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill.

At Sea Sunday August 2^d 1857

Sunday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. This day opens with fine and pleasant weather. We have a moderate breeze from the South West and very warm. After breakfast Joseph Francis took our Beel clothes on Deck and went to work a Slaughtering Beel Bugs. I think we killed a beel two Hundred in numbers. I have nothing of any importance to write this day. Afternoon we riged up the Dipsail for an evening and we all made a shade under it. The greatest part of this day is been improved by reading Brooks Papers & C.C. Foxich & myself took an observation to day we find our Lat^t 34=23. Evening after tea we made our Beds up on the House. It is so warm in the Cabin that we cannot sleep below comfortable. At 7 O'clock P.M. I came below and wrote up my Journal. This day has been rather a Lonesome one. And I think we are all thought of Home. So Ends these Twenty Four Hours
Lat^t 34=23 Long 44=45

At Sea Monday August 3^d 1857

Monday morning I called the Starboard watch at 4 O'clock A.M. and then laid on the House until breakfast time at 6 A.M. we breakfasted. This day commences with a moderate breeze from the N to N.W. but very moderate. After breakfast we hoisted the Mainsail & Jeff Dipsail but have not air enough to fill the Sails. At 8 A.M. I went on deck I found it to be very warm. I saw a School of Fish & did not know what to call them Mr Freeman came up with the Glasses & called them Green porpoises. At 10 A.M. I came down from a Loft. And Glad enough was I to get down on deck, as I felt that I would have melted & run down into my Shirts if I had stayed a Loft much longer. The Capt. caught two Dolphins to day. And we had a rather Dolphin Chunder for Supper to night. At Sunset we took in sail. We have a very beautiful Moon to night. It is my first watch to night. After I wrote a little in my Journal I went on deck & took my watch
Lat^t 32=31 Long 44=12

On Board Sch^y Warren H. Hill

At Sea Tuesday August 4th 1857

Tuesday Morning. Our watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. I went a-look and stayed until breakfast-time then came down & breakfasted. This Day opens with a fair & moderate breeze from the South-west. After breakfast we hoisted the Mainsail & Gaff Topsail and set the Stay sail. we are running E.S.E. I think we shall have a very warm day. At 8 o'clock A.M. our watch below. I came down and wrote a little in my Journal. We have a large school of Bonitos playing around us but we can not catch any of them. Afternoon very pleasant and a very moderate breeze. After dinner I went a-look. Saw a Ship standing to the Eastward supposed her to be a merchantman. Saw a small vessel, she was so far distant - could not tell what she was, but supposed her to be a whaler. Evening At Sunset the Light-buoy was up & we took in Mainsail Gaff Topsail Flying jib & staysail. This has been a beautiful day but no Whales in sight. To Encls These Twenty Four Hours, with fair weather.

Lat 34=35 Long 44=08

At Sea Wednesday August 5th 1857
Wednesday Morning my watch below until 6 o'clock A.M. At 6 we breakfasted. There is a Barge off our weather quarter. After breakfast our Capt. Chalked Longitude with him. At 7 we came up under his lee quarter & spoke her. Found it to be the Barge Porana of New York. From Machias (Maine) laden with Lumber, bound to River & Caniers. Had been out 300 miles. There is small sail in sight this morning. At 8 o'clock A.M. I went a-look and stayed until 10. To day we have it very pleasant with a moderate breeze from the S.W. We have been running a course to the S.E. Afternoon our watch below. At 4 o'clock P.M. I went a-look. Saw 2 vessels, one off our Lee Bow & one off the weather. Could not tell what they were as they were long distance off. Evening At Sunset we took in all & I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. This has been a most beautiful day to have taken a large Whale. My first watch to night. To Encls This Day.

Lat 34=12 Long 41=22

On Board Ship Warren H. Hill

At Sea Thursday August 6th 1857

Thursday morning my watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. I went a loft saw a ship standing to the Eastward At 6 A.M. I came down and breakfasted. This Day opens with fine and pleasant weather and very warm. A moderate breeze from W. to W.S.W. At 8 o'clock A.M. my watch below. I came down and wrote a little in my Journal. After I had finished writing in my Journal, I commenced writing a letter to Messrs Baxters & Pettus. After noon After dinner I went a loft, while I was there I saw an object on the water but did not know what to call it. When it got pretty handy to us I found it to be a Large Sea Turtle. He came quite nigh, then he turned Tail up & went down, we never see him afterwards. Evening after Tea we had several Rain Squalls, but pleasant again at 6 o'clock P.M. At Sunset we took in Sail, & then played a game Hat- Cockles. I played until I got me hands pretty well beat up then I quit. To End's Three Twenty Four Hours —
I took the Sun to day & find our Lat^t 34=00 Long 39=42.

At Sea Friday August 7th 1857

Friday morning my watch was called at 6 A.M. and breakfasted. After breakfast I went a loft: Saw 2 Sperm Grampuses & several Sail of Whales. Saw 1 Large Ship standing to the N.W. This Day opens with fine & pleasant weather. We have a moderate breeze from the S.W. but very warm. After I came from a loft I went to work on the Main Spout Rigging. Afternoon my watch below. I wrote a little in my Journal then commenced writing a letter to Messrs Baxters & Pettus. Yesterday we had the Colliers a flying at the Main Peak. It being the Birth day of Mr. Edmund Linnell (of Orleans) one of our Boatswains. He was 60 years old yesterday. After our watch below. I retired and had a Nap. At 4 o'clock P.M. I went a loft and stayed until 5 P.M. then I came down and took Tea. Evening At Sunset we saw a School of Grampuses off deck. They were jumping out of the water 20 feet every leap. At Sunset we took in Sail. I came below & wrote up my Journal To End's To Day
Lat^t 34=37. Long 39=44.

5. On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Saturday August 8th 1858
Saturday morning our watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. my first-Loft I sent a Loft at 4 o'clock A.M. This day opened with a moderate breeze but very squally. I slept on the lower deck night and I got some wet. At 5 o'clock our watch below came below & laid down a while. I had not been below but a short time before I heard the alarm of them the blowers. I went on deck & there was a school of sperm whales about 2 miles off our lee bow just in the edge of a Rain Squall. We hauled the jib sheets to the windward and hauled away all 3 Boats. The West Boat went on and struck the first one, I think she will make twenty Bbls. The School all gathered together for a while the Starboard went into the school & struck three of them 1 eighteen Bbls and 2 one Bbl and one six Bbl whales. There was considerable sport for a while.



First I worked the vessel up to the windward Boat-
West Boat and got Mr Green's whale a long side,
then we ran down to the leeward & took the Capt's whale
a long side & made them fast then we all went below
took dinner at 2 o'clock P.M. After dinner we all went
to work to get the blubber on deck. we worked quite
all for green Hands. At 6 o'clock we had all the
blubber pieces down under deck & the four Heads stowed
on deck. After we had finished cutting we took down the
Foremast Blocks & singled Reefed our mainsail & then went
below & took Tea. Evening after Tea I wrote a little
in my Journal. We are out from Home eleven weeks to-
day. After I had finished writing I retired with
my watch so ends this day with very good success.
No observation to day but I judge our Lat 34=40 Long 38=00

On Board Schooner H. Hill.

At Sea Sunday August 9th 1857.

This morning all hands were called at 4 o'clock A.M. This day opens with a fine breeze from the S. West. It was rather squally this morning accompanied with Rain Showers. At 4 o'clock this A.M. we went on deck and commenced cutting up the Whales Heads. We finished all the Heads & hauled them on board & got the deck washed up at 12 o'clock A.M. We then went below to dinner. Afternoon we got up the cutting Horse & commenced mincing Blubber. The Starboard watch are preparing a fire up under the masts. Our watch below until 4 o'clock P.M. At 4 o'clock went on deck & stood to the works. Saw this afternoon a Large Ship & 1 Barge standing to the North East. Spoke the Barge & got her Long which was 39-40. Her name was the Queen of Jersey. The Ship & Barge were standing along together bound to the N. Eastward. We went to the works at 4 o'clock & stood until 6. Then we went on at 8 o'clock & stood until 12 o'clock. So the Sun was a bit entering Horizon there was a Barge to the windward of us, she was running down for us. At 8 P.M. she came a long and spoke us. We found



it to be the Barge Rotherchild Capt. Holman. She is bound from Home 7 months & has 7 bbls Blackfish Oil. Capt. Holman came a board of us and stayed until 10 o'clock P.M. We have had a good fire under the masts all of our watch. At 12 o'clock the Starboard watch came on. So I went aft to go below I saw four Large dolphins playing under us stern. I got in the Stern Boat and took the grains & feathered one of the largest ones. I had to get (Frank) the Boatman to help me get him in. I thought his weight was 30 lbs. It the largest one we have taken yet. At 12 o'clock went below & retired. So Ends to Log.

Log 35=00 Long 39=40

3 On Board Schooner Hermann H. Hill. 3

3 At Sea Monday August 10th 1857. 3
Monday morning our watch was called at 4 O'clock P.M.
Mr. Hopkins went to the works & I washed off the
quarters deck & went on deck & stayed until 6 O'clock
then came down & breakfasted. After breakfast I
went to the works & stayed until 8 O'clock A.M.
At 8 O'clock our watch below. I came below and
wrote a little in my journal. While I was writing up
my journal one of the men came up & wanted me to do
up his hand. he had it cut pretty bad. his name was
Leahy. After I had done up the wound I laid down
a while. Afternoon our watch on deck. I went to the
works & my partner and a Left. Evening our watch below until
2 O'clock. At 12 O'clock P.M. our watch was called and went on
deck & went to the works. we had a good fire all of
our watch. At 4 A.M. I called the Starboard watch then our
watch went below & retired until 6 O'clock. So ends this day.

3 At Sea Tuesday August 11th 1857 3
This day opens with fine weather. At 8 O'clock our
watch went to the works & stayed until 12 O'clock. At
5 A.M. The Steward caught eight dolphins. we had
all the blubber out of the blubber room & on to work
on deck. At 10 O'clock I went on deck & stayed until
12 O'clock. Then I came down and took dinner. Afternoon
after dinner I wrote a little in my journal. At 4 O'clock
P.M. our watch on deck. our watch went to the works & stayed
until 6 O'clock & the Starboard watch went below. At 6 P.M.
our watch went to the works again & stayed until 12 O'clock
we boiled out oil very fast when we got to work on the junk
and finished a boat all of the junk in our water. At 12 O'clock
we called the Starboard watch & they came on deck
& went to work a boiling out the case. After the other
watch came on deck, our watch went below & retired
until 4 O'clock A.M. I found it very good to lay down
and rest as I was rather tired. we have our blubber a boat
all boiled out. I think we shall finish the rest to-
morrow. So ends these twenty four hours with fine weather.

On Board Sch^y Hermann H. Hill 3

At Sea Wednesday August 12th 1857

Wednesday morning our watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. we went to the masts & stayed until 6 O'clock & then went below & breakfast. We have been to work a Bailing out. Blubber all this week. After breakfast I went on Deck and stayed until 8 O'clock then I came below & wrote a little in my Journal. This day opens with fine & pleasant weather & my room. Our watch below until 12 O'clock. At 12 O'clock our watch went on deck. Mr. Freeman caught an large dolphin this morning. We went on deck & went to the Bilers. We have got in the last of the Pet-Liver. I have been to the masts with the Capt. & Mr. Hopkins & the rest of watch are running down the Oil. I think that we shall stow down a hundred or 150 Bbls. But shall not know until tomorrow. At 2 O'clock P.M. I went on Deck - saw several School of Dolphins. While I was on Deck we had a very heavy Rain Squall. During one of our last stows (Joseph Francis) was taken very suddenly with a pain in his head. I have been trying to sweat him, I give him some composition & put a little of Hot water to his feet. I am in hopes he will be all right by morning. At 8 O'clock retired until my watch So Ends 2^o Day.

At Sea Thursday August 13th 1857

Thursday morning my watch was called at 2 O'clock. After I went on Deck & found it rather Squally with Rain Showers I called the Starboard Watch at 4 O'clock & then went below & retired until breakfast time. At 6 O'clock rose and breakfasted. After breakfast we finished running down the rest of our Oil. We stowed down 49 Bbls. we have now a barrel 56 Sperma & 11 Bbls Black Fish Oil. which makes in all 56 Sperma & 11 of Black Fish. Afternoon after dinner both watches employed in scrubbing Paint we finished at 4 O'clock P.M. While we were cleaning up Deck there was a School of Porpoises crossed our Run the Capt. fired my Gun into one of them but it did not hurt him. Evening after Tea I went on Deck and stayed until 6 O'clock. I came down & wrote a little in my Journal then retired until 10 O'clock So Ends 3^o Day.

Lat 34=45 Long 39=05

3 On Board Scho. Warren H. Hill

At Sea Friday August 14th 1857

Friday morning my watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. I went to work & washed down deck & then hoisted the Fore-sail. We have fine weather to say with a moderate breeze from the S.W. We are running our course to the N.E. After breakfast I went on deck and stayed until 6 o'clock. Then I came down & went to work and ground my Spades. After I had finished grinding my Spades I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon very pleasant. After dinner I went to work and cleaned a part of my Spades. At 2 o'clock P.M. I went on deck and stayed until 6 o'clock. This day has been very pleasant & warm but not exceedingly stable. Evening. At sunset we took in sail I went below and wrote up my Journal. After I had finished writing I went on deck and stayed until 8 o'clock. Then went below & retired. Ends this day Transposition Lat 36=02 Long 37=01

At Sea Saturday August 15th 1857

Saturday morning I called the Starboard watch at 4 o'clock A.M. Then went below and retired until 6 o'clock. At 6 o'clock went on deck and breakfasted. This day opens with fine and pleasant weather. We have a moderate breeze from the South West. After breakfast we hoisted the Main-sail & set the Gaff Trawl and are running our course to the Westward. After we had made sail I went to work & cleaned all my Spades. At 8 o'clock A.M. our watch on deck. We saw a drift log in the water to day & run down to it. We found a School of Dolphins & runned it & caught 4 of them. At 10 o'clock A.M. I went on deck and stayed until 12. Then came down and took dinner. We had Green Corn for dinner to day. Afternoon very pleasant and warm. After dinner our watch below came below & read a while then retired. At 4 o'clock P.M. our watch on deck. I went on deck and found it very moderate. We took in the Fore-sail & Main-sail & set the Gaff Trawl & then went below & took Tea. Evening At 5 P.M. I went on deck & stayed until sunset. Saw a small Sea Turtle swimming a long a short distance from the vessel. After I came down from a lift I came below and wrote up my Journal. To End of 30 day.

On Board Scho. Varnum H.Hill

At Sea Sunday August 16th 1857

Sunday morning, rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. This is a most beautiful day, we have a moderate breeze from the S.W. and very pleasant & warm. After breakfast we all in the Cabin took our clippers & looking on deck and commenced killing Bad Bugs. The fore part of this day, some are employed in reading some in sleeping & some one thing & some another. At 11 O'clock A.M. we saw a sail a long distance ahead, she was running her course for us. When we went below to dinner we found it to be a Whaler, and called it a Brig. Afternoon very pleasant with light breeze from the W. to S.W. At 3 O'clock P.M. the Brig was so near that she lowered a very big Stow Boat & came on board of us. And who should it be but the Brig Eschul. Capt. Robt. Miller. He came a board

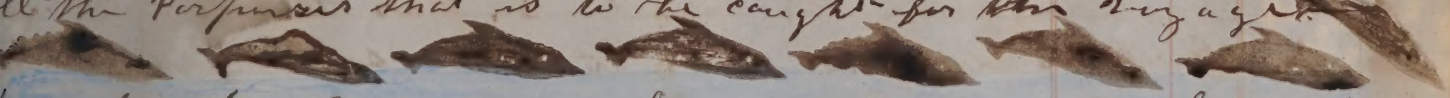


of us at 3 O'clock P.M. Mr. Colliard came a board with him & it seemed like home to see some Provincetown's. I had a letter for Mr. Colliard & gave it to him. They sailed a bout 2 weeks before we did, she has 50 Bbls of Sp. Our Mate (Mr. Hopkins) took their Boat and went a board of them. I should have liked to have gone a board to have seen Mr. Paine & Small very much. But as Mr. Colliard came a board of us we had a very good time & talked a bout Home. I felt rather lonesome when he came a board. They went a board of their Brig at 8 O'clock. I sent a few cigars to Mr. Paine, Benj. Small & Taylor. I should have liked to have seen them very much. After they went a board I retired until my watch. This has been a fine day at Sea & I am infinitely satisfied to be so good at Home. So ends 2d day's transaction.

Latd 36=27 Long 35=31

On Board Sloop Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Monday August 17th 1858
Monday morning I rose at 6 o'clock & breakfasted. After breakfast we took in the Tysail & Hoisted the Mainail & Left Tysails. This day opened with fair and pleasant weather. There were several sail of vessels in sight this morning. We were still running our course to the Westward. At 8 o'clock A.M. my Lieut. after I had finished writing in my Journal I went on deck and stayed until 10 o'clock A.M. this day is very pleasant. Saw several sail of vessels in sight. Saw a Brig to the Leeward and supposed it to be the Brig Eschsch. I took an observation to day and find our Lat 36=10. Afternoon our watch below. I finished writing then retired for a while. At 4 o'clock our watch on deck. I went on deck and stayed until 5 o'clock & then came down and took Lieut. Saw a Schooner to the windward running down for us. Evening at sunset Lieut. came away & we took in sail. This evening the sky is overcast & looks somewhat squally. My first watch to night. So Ends this day's transaction.
Lat 36=10 Long 35=57

At Sea Tuesday August 18th 1858
Tuesday morning our watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. I went on deck. Saw several vessels in sight this morning. At 5 o'clock A.M. there was a school of Porpoises crossed our bow. The Capt. took an Iron club and came on the bow and took one of the number of the school. And I think if he continues on he will get all the Porpoises that is to be caught for the voyage.

At 6 o'clock I came down and breakfasted. Our watch below from 6 to 12 o'clock. Saw at 10 o'clock A.M. a large ship. She came down by our stern & hoisted her signal. She was a French ship. As she left us she bid us good bye by waving her flag. At 11 A.M. we saw a Schooner of our weather bow a running down for us. We supposed her to be a whaler. At 12 o'clock A.M. she came up and spoke us & asked where she should be but the John Adams of Provincetown (Capt. Doyle). He took his boat and came a board of us & took dinner and stayed until 8 o'clock P.M. Mr. Hopkins took his boots & came and went on board of the John Adams.

3 On Board Schs. Parmun H. Hill 3

he stayed until 6 O'clock then came on board my Partner went a board & it- but me a rather long Left- this afternoon. I went a Left at 12 O'clock A.M. and did not get relieved until 4 O'clock P.M. I had 4 Hours a Left- this afternoon & 2 in the morning, which makes me 6 Hours a Left- to day. So I call that quite a long Left- for one day. This day has been very pleasant with a Light Breeze from the South West: we have been running on course to S & E to day. After the Schs John Adams Boat- went a board our Tacked Ship and stood to the Westward. we did not take in sail to night we kept- sail on all night: there were several vessels passed us in my Watch we stood quarters- watches. I had a fine Breeze through all of my Watch.



We have seen several merchant- Ships in sight- all day & they were going all directions. Our Capt commences burning Coal to day. He seems to find some fault with it- because he cannot get a Fire to burning early enough in mornings. All the John Adams crew are Portuguese with the exception of the Capt- & Mate. My Watch was called at 12 O'clock P.M. I stood- until 2 O'clock then I called my Partner and went- below & returned until morning. Some of the After gaudes put letters on Board of the Adams. I did not as I thought- I could get letters Home before she went: She did not know when she was a going but expected to go some time this Fall. So Encls 2 to day Brunswick
Lat 36=36 Long 34=08

On Board Shs Porpoise H. Hill.

3 At Sea Wednesday August 19th 1857
Wednesday morning I rose and breakfasted at 6 o'clock.
At 6³⁰ o'clock saw an object off our weather Bow that looked
black. we tacked Ship and ran for it. When we got up to it
we found it to be an old Oil Barrel. we did not take
it a board. we tacked Ship again and ran our course west.
At 8 o'clock A.M. I went on deck & stayed until 10 o'clock.
When I was writing a letter to J.W. Emery to day -
(Editor of Princeton Banner) I shall send it the first
opportunity. Afternoon our water below. After I came
up from a Lift I got the small Stow on deck & made
Fire & commenced Baling out the Porpoise Bladders. After I came
up from on deck, I retired for a while. At 4 o'clock P.M.
went on deck and stayed until 5 o'clock then came down
and took down. Evening At Sunset we took in Sail & sat
the Day sail I came down below and wrote up my Journal.
This has been a fine day with a strong breeze from the S.W.
we have been running our course to the westward all day.
So Ends this day's transaction with good weather.
Lat 36=27 Long 35=07

3 At Sea Thursday August 20th 1857
Thursday morning my watch was called at 4 o'clock.
A.M. I went on deck and stayed until 6 o'clock, then
came down and breakfasted. This day opens with
strong breeze from the westward. After I came
up from a Lift I went to work and cleaned my
balls. After breakfast the Capt. went on deck for



at night when there long before we saw a Brig &
Brig to the leeward. we ran off for them, and when
we reached them we found that they were chasing whales

3 On Board Scho. Warrum H. Hill 3

And when we got down quite nigh to them, we found
 one to be the Brig Eschsch. she had a whale along
 side a cutting in. The Barg was the Lady Suffolk of
 Bunnby. her Boats were out in chase, one of her
 Boats were fast. The Whales were going to the Leward.
 There were a large School of them, but they were very
 shy. We hauled a way all 3 Boats and in after them
 they were out some five or six Hurs. And as they were
 about to give up the chase & came a board, The Worst
 Boat got on track of one & fastened to her. it is the
 largest Whale we have taken yet; I think she will
 make 45 Bbls. We took her a long side & got on the



Blake wraps and commenced a cutting on her, we took
 our Blanket-Piece & separated the Head from the Body
 and secured them well & then made fast the cutting purchase
 and went below to Din. We took Din at 1 P.M. {Gentleman's
 Hours} After Din I went on deck and finished my Smack
 then came below and retired. until my watch. At 12 o'clock
 my watch. I went on deck and went to work a gain
 speaks all my watch. I saw a vessel to the windward
 quite handy, I called the Capt. he came on deck &
 said she was a Merchantman. At 2 o'clock I called
 Mr Linnel and then went below and retired until 4 o'clock
 Thus Ends this Day with quite good success. 
 Lat. 34 = 46 Long. 34 = 56

On Board Ship Vassar H. Hill

3 At Sea Friday August 21st 1857
Friday morning all hands were called at 4 A.M. we prepared our selves & went to work on the whale cutting in; we worked until 10 o'clock A.M. then went below and breakfasted. After breakfast we went to work on the whale again. At 10 o'clock A.M. the Berg Lally Suffolk of Beverly Capt. Robinson came a long and spoke us, she took a 60 blb whale yesterday. We got our whale cut in at 12 o'clock. Then went below to dinner. After dinner we rolled the Hercul up snug & hoisted it up out of the way. The Starboard watch is doing fine under the works. At 2 o'clock I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. At 4 o'clock I went a loft & stayed until 5 o'clock, then came down & took tea. Evening our watch we went to the works at 8 o'clock. We and stayed until 12 o'clock. Then called the other watch. After the watch came on deck we went below and retired until 4 o'clock. So ends this day

3 At Sea Saturday August 22^d 1857
Saturday morning our watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. Hopkins & Linnel went to the works & I went a Loft. This day commenced with a fresh breeze from the Eastward. The Rain Squalls. At 6 o'clock I came down and breakfasted. After breakfast I went to the works & stayed until 8 o'clock. At 8 o'clock I went below & wrote up my Journal. Our watch below until 12 o'clock. Afternoon. After dinner our watch on deck. They went to the works & I went a loft. While I was a Loft saw a vessel & supposed her to be a whaler as she had two boats. Saw one large ship standing to the S & E she came quite near us, we saw her sails & collars & they hoisted them. She was a Yankee herring. At 6 o'clock our watch went to the works and stayed until 8 o'clock. Then the Starboard watch came on. At 8 we washed our selves and went below and retired until 12 o'clock. At 12 o'clock we were called again. Went to the works we had it very squally all this watch. The Rain Shouts. At 4 o'clock retired until 6. So ends today.

On Board Schooner Porpoise H. Hill

At Sea Sunday August 23rd 1857
Sunday morning. This day commences with fresh breeze from E.N.E. with Rain Squalls. At 8 O'clock A.M. our Watch went to the works & stepped until 12 O'clock A.M. we had my best watch to Bile Blubbering. At 12 O'clock our Watch below. After the other Watch came on deck and relieved us, we went below & took dinner. Afternoon. After dinner we went to work until 3 O'clock, then we went on deck and commenced running down what Oil we have on deck. Wind still a breeze. We ran down a but 30 Bbls and then went below to Supper. While we are running down the Oil, the other Watch is Biling the last Part of Blubber. This Evening we stand quiet watches. My watch from 10 to 12. I had my best watches all my watch with heavy rain Squalls. At 11 O'clock P.M. wind still a breeze, I took in the Gibb & furlled it. I had several heavy Rain Squalls during my watch. At 12 O'clock I called the other Watch then went below & retired. So Ends

At Sea Monday August 24th 1857
Monday morning our watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. I went on deck and found it blowing a strong Gale of Wind from the N.E. We were laying under our Mainsail. we took in the Mainsail and furlled it, we then kept her off before the Wind and dabled Reefed our Sails and took the Bone off the Gibb and then let her come to, it blows a smart breeze but she lays like a duck. After breakfast we ran down our Cask of Oil that we had on deck. At 8 O'clock A.M. our watch below. I came below and retired until dinner time. At 12 O'clock A.M. was called, we arose and took dinner. We had Green Corn for dinner. Afternoon our watch on deck, I went on deck and stepped until 4 O'clock, then called the Starboard Watch. Evening After 2 we reefed the Flying Gibb & Mainsail and singled Reefed the Topsail & had it bent all ready to hoist, if we should want to use it in the night. I stepped on deck a while then came below and tried to write off my Journal, but she is jumping so bad I cannot do much at it. I retired until my watch. At 2 O'clock I was called. I stood until 4 then called the other watch had it rather Squally all my watch. So Ends 2^d Day
Lat 35=52 Long 35=52

On Board Schs Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Tuesday August 25th 1857
Tuesday morning. This day opens with a strong breeze
from the Eastward & a heavy sea running. We have the pulled
up the Foresail & hauled off the jib and Taysail set. This
morning the Capt. struck a large dolphin with the Bow.
At breakfast I went a little in my Journal. Our watch below
at 8 O'clock. We did not stand no lights yesterday, but we
standing at Mast-Head to day. At 10 O'clock my Light. I went
and stood until 12 O'clock. Afternoon I went a little in my
Journal. This afternoon we have it quite moderate, we finished
running down the Oil to day, we made us 40 Bbls. So now
we have 35 Bbls of Sperm Oil. At 4 O'clock our watch on deck
at 5 O'clock I went a light and stayed until 6 O'clock. Evening
at 8 O'clock I retired until my watch. At 10 O'clock my watch
was called. I stood until 12 then went below and retired.
Ends these Twenty Four Hours, with good weather
Lat 36=36 Long 35=21

At Sea Wednesday August 26th 1857
Wednesday morning my watch was called at 4 O'clock. I went
up the deck & then bent on the hauled on the jib.
then I went to work and ground our Spade. This day opens
with very fine weather. We have a very moderate breeze
from the South West & but very little at that. After breakfast
I went a light and stayed until 8 O'clock. After I was retired
I came down on deck and washed one pair of Our Halls & one
trunk. Our watch below until 12 O'clock. I came below
and wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon After
dinner I went on deck and went to work and ground all my
Spades. This afternoon we have it calm. At 2 O'clock P.M. I went
up & stayed until 4. Saw a vessel a long distant off but could
not see what she was. I have had the Blues to day and it
makes me feel some Home-sick. I should like to be at Home this
evening very much. If I could not sleep but on how. The Capt.
might a dolphin to day. Evening At Sunset it being so
calm we took in the Foresail & pulled it. We have the Taysail
jib set. At 8 O'clock I came below and wrote up my
Journal then retired until my watch. My watch at 2 O'clock.
Ends these Twenty Four Hours with fine & pleasant weather.
Lat 35=46 Long 35=37

On Board Ship Horner H Hill

At Sea Thursday August 27th 1857

Thursday morning my watch was called at 2 o'clock A.M. I had it very pleasant during my watch. At 4 o'clock I called the Steward with then went below and retired until 6. At 6 A.M. rose and breakfasted. We have a moderate breeze from the S.W. and very pleasant. After breakfast I went to work & cleaned my specks. At 8 A.M. rose a school of Blackfish. We fired a way and gave them a chase, but they were so wild that they could not do anything with them. While the boats were out Joseph Francis caught one Bonito and one Albicore. After the boats came a board on took in the Taysail & Hoisted the Mainsail & Buff Taysail. Afternoon on watch below. After dinner I wrote a little in my Journal. The Steward caught 4 dolphins to day. After dinner I went a left and stayed until 6 o'clock. Evening at Sea on took in the Mainsail & singled Keel the Foresail. It has the appearance of being very squally to night. After I came from left I wrote up my Journal. So Ends this day with fine weather.

Lat 36=01 Long 35=58

At Sea Friday August 28th 1857

Friday morning on half of the Larboard watch was called at 4 o'clock & the other half at 15 minutes past 4. It is so dark at 4 o'clock that the Capt concluded to call one half the watch at 4 & the other half at 1/4 past 4 o'clock. This day commences with Rain Showers. We have a moderate breeze from the Eastward. After breakfast I went a left and stayed until 8 o'clock. Our watch below this forenoon. I came below and retired. I have felt some Homesick to day & I think if I could get some news from home I should feel much better. Afternoon & still a Rainy. At 2 P.M. we spoke an English Brig bound to the N.W. We fired him a Good Bye by running our Colours up & down three times & he returned the compliment back. At 2 o'clock I went a left & stayed until 4. Then I came down. The Sky looks some what broken and I am in hopes that we shall have good weather to morrow. After Tea I came below and wrote up my Journal. It is been so stormy to day we have had the Taysail set. At 8 o'clock I retired until my watch. So Ends these 24 Hours

Lat 35=20 Long 35=40

On Board Sch. Warren H Hill

At Sea Saturday August 29th 1857
Saturday morning. My watch was called at 2 o'clock until 4 o'clock A.M. Then I called the other watch and went below & retired. At 6 A.M. rose & breakfasted. This day opened with a fresh breeze from the Eastward. We have been running the S.E. all day. After breakfast I went to work & cleaned my books. Mr. Greenman ground down the Head Spade for me this morning. At 10 o'clock I went on deck. saw several merchant vessels standing to the N.W. I stayed until 12 o'clock. Then came down and took dinner. The Steward caught 2 Bonitos for me. We had Green Corn for dinner. Afternoon our watch below. At 4 o'clock there were a school of Porpoises around our beam. Mr. Hepburn took an Iron & fastened one. We are all here Porpoise for dinner to morrow. At 5 o'clock I went on deck & stayed until 6 o'clock. Evening at sunset we took in Sail & singled Ruffed the Foresail. I came below and wrote up my journal, then I retired until my watch. So Ends 2d day.
Lat 34=45 Long 34=04

At Sea Sunday August 30th 1857
Sunday morning. Rose and breakfasted. Wind blowing a strong breeze from the North East with showers of Rain. After breakfast I went on deck. Joseph Francis & myself shaved off our Moustaches. It is the first time that I have cut a Razor on my face for the voyage. Our watch below until 12 o'clock. I went below and retired until 1 o'clock. Afternoon weather rather more pleasant. After dinner I went on deck. This day all Hands employed in reading (useful Books). This day has been rather warm. I should like to be at Home this evening very much. Evening After Tea I wrote a little in my journal. Saw this afternoon a Brig standing to the Eastward. This day has been very long to me & I do not know what to write to fill down this Page. But I am glad that this day is most past. At 8 o'clock P.M. retired until my watch. My watch at 12 o'clock I stayed until 2 o'clock. It looks very windy this Evening. So Ends 3d day Twenty Four Hours up.
Lat 34=13. Long 34=01

On Board Lchs Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Monday August 31st 1857

Monday morning. This day opens with a strong breeze from the N.E. and squally, with very cool weather. After breakfast I went to work and cleaned my Spads. At 8 O'clock A.M. I went a Loft & I found quite a different climate up there. I suffered as much with the cold as I have at Home, late in the Fall. At 10 O'clock wind still a breeze, I came from a Loft and Bailed out the Porpoise. At 11 A.M. wind blowing so fresh a breeze, that we took in the Mainsail & Flying jib. Afternoon rather more moderate but very squally. Our watch below until 4 O'clock. At 4 P.M. I went a loft and stayed until 5 O'clock then I came down and took Tea. Evening. We have it quite moderate and somewhat pleasant. The Moon is shining quite brightly. At 8 O'clock my first Watch. I stood until 10 O'clock then called the other Watch. So Ends these Twenty Four Hours with Rain Squalls.
Lat 33=55 Long 34=22

At Sea Tuesday Sept 1st 1857

Tuesday morning. Well I hear is the first day of Sept got up with us. Time is ever on the wing. The Big Whal keeps a moving and waits for me Man. This morning my Watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. I went a Loft and stayed until breakfast time. This day opens with changeable winds, Calms, & Rain Squalls. She is had a slating time this morning. She commenced slating at the Ring Bolts where the Bone Backle works in. She stranded the Bone Throat-Halliards & tore the forest. We run New Halliards & have been to work a mending the Foresail. It was our water below this forenoon but her slating made business for both watches. Afternoon moderate. After dinner I went a loft & she gave me quite a slating. I stayed until 2 & then came down & I was glad to get down on deck a gain as she gave me a complete shaking. Evening. Sky is overcast and squally at times. At 8 O'clock I went below and retired until my watch. At 12 O'clock my watch I had it very pleasant during my watch. So Ends Sept the

3 On Board Sch^r Varnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Wednesday Sept-2^d 1857 3
Wednesday morning. This day opens with quite
and weather. It is moderate and squally at times.
we are still making our course to the Eastward. After
breakfast I went on deck and stepped a while. The Capt-
brought an Albicore this morning. Our water below until
10 o'clock. I came below and wrote up my Journal. At 8 A.M.
went a loft & stepped until 10 o'clock. Our course our
have been running is N E by N. After I came from a Loft I went
up the Flying jibb Stay. Afternoon Our water below
here is been a large school of Albicore & Dolphin around.
The Capt- has had good fishing. He caught this afternoon
10 large Albicore & 15 Dolphins. At 4 o'clock P.M. I went a
loft and stepped until 5, then I came down & took Tea-
morning. At 6 o'clock P.M. Mr. Freeman (our 2^d Mate) had
a fall turn. He fainted & fell down on deck. My first-
mate I had it very pleasant all my watch. After my watch
was out I went below but could not sleep as the Bed Bugs bit so
bad. I did not get to sleep for the night. So Ends 3^d Day.

Lat 34=20 Long 32=55

3 At Sea Thursday Sept-3^d 1857 3
Thursday morning my watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M.
went a Loft and stepped until 6 then I came down and
breakfasted. At 8 o'clock I came below and wrote a little
in my Journal my watch below until 12 o'clock. After
I had wrote up my Journal I retired for a while.
It has been quite pleasant to day. It looks some squally
at times. we are still running our course to the Eastward.
Afternoon. After dinner I went a Loft. The Capt- has been
winning his Boat & game a Board of a Dutch Brig. While I was a Loft
saw a large School Fish playing around. The Capt- has sent
the Boat a board to get a Bbl of Bread to carry on board
the Brig. This Afternoon it has been very squally this afternoon
Freeman is better to day. He caught 14 Albicore to day.
morning After we took in Sail, we set the Try sail. At
10 o'clock I went below & retired until my watch. At 12 o'clock
my watch. I had it very squally all my watch. I took in the
sail. I had it very Rainy. After my watch was out I retired. So Ends 4th Day.
Lat 35=02 Long 32=00

On Board Sch^r Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Friday Sept-4th 1857

Friday morning. This Day opens with strong breeze from the S & E and very squally. We have Rain. It comes to numerous to mention. After breakfast I went up my Journal. It is our watch below until 8 O'clock A.M. At 8 O'clock I got on my Oil clothes and went a Loft. I stayed until 10 O'clock. Then I came down. We have had it squally all this fore part of the day. At 12 O'clock we had a Squall. We had the Foresail & Bysail set. It came with Wind & Rain. We dethled down the foresail part-way, I did not last long as it was all over in a few minutes. We have been running to the Eastward during the day. Afternoon Our watch below. At 4 O'clock our watch on deck. I went a Loft and stayed until 5 O'clock then came down and took Tea. Evening rather better weather & the Sky looks somewhat broken. After 2nd Loft downed a way I instructed Joseph & Josiah by relating to them (a winter in the Country to School) they were both very attentive until 8 O'clock. My first watch I stood until 10 then went below & retired. So Ends this day.

Lat 36 = 14 Long 30 = 39

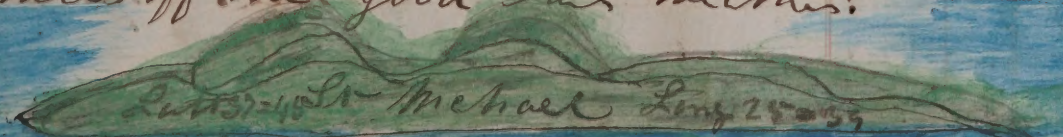
At Sea Saturday Sept-5th 1857

Saturday morning. My watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. I stood until 4 1/2 O'clock then called the other half of the watch. After the come on deck I went a loft and stayed until 6 O'clock. Then I came down & breakfasted. This day opens with cloudy weather. The Sky is our east & we have occasionally a few Rain Showers. At 8 O'clock our watch below. I went below & read a while then retired & took a Nap. At 11 1/2 O'clock took dinner. we had green Corn & fried Fish for dinner. While we was eating dinner we hear a Rumour on deck. The Capt. looked out of the window & found the Cork & Dublin a fighting. After dinner I went a Loft. I saw 2 small Grampians. I stood until 2 then I came down. Mr. Green had the Soft Bysail set down & had it on the Hauler repairing it. After I came from a Loft I assisted him in mending it. While I am writing Josiah is gone a Loft to mend the Soft Bysail. At 8 O'clock I retired until my watch. So Ends this

3 On Board Ship Harman H. Hill 3

At Sea Sunday Sept 6th 1852
Sunday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 A.M.
This day commences with fine and pleasant weather.
We have a fresh breeze from the westward. At 6 A.M.
rose and breakfasted. After breakfast I went on deck and
had my morning Smack. We have a Boy in Irons. The
Capt put on the Irons last evening & took them off
this morning. There has been a large flock of Mackerel
bills around us this morning. We have been running
to the Eastward during this day. I think that we are
making for some Port on the Western Islands. Afternoon
went on deck & had my Smack & then went below & retired.
At 4 O'clock took Tea. Evening very good weather but a
bad Sea running. The vessel so bad that we took in the Foreail
we are running this evening under Topsail & Gills. At 8 O'clock
went below & laid down but could not get to sleep. So I
got up and wrote up my Journal. It is my 2^d watch. After
finished writing up my Journal, I went on deck and stood until
O'clock. Then went below & retired. So Ends This Sunday.
Lat 36 = 22 Long 22 = 55

At Sea Monday Sept 7th 1852
Monday morning my watch was called at 4 O'clock. A.M. I
went on deck and worked down. At 6 O'clock A.M. the Capt
saw Land from the deck. We went to the windward of the
land we have been running off for it and as we neared it
found it to be the Island of St Michael. one of the
Western Islands. It is very high Land & can be
seen 60 miles off in good fair weather.



Lat 37 = 45 Long 25 = 35
Afternoon we have quite good weather, but a very bad
sea running. After dinner we took in the mainsail
furled it. So this afternoon we have been running
under Topsail. I went a Look at 2 O'clock & stayed until
Evening. After Tea I came below & wrote a little
in my Journal. After the Look landed a man on deck in
a gig & furled the top & layed off shore. At 8 O'clock I
went below & retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.
Lat 37 = 45 Long 25 = 35

3 On Board Sch. Varnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Tuesday Sept 8th 1857 3

Tuesday morning my watch was called at 2 O'clock I stood until 4 then I went below & retired. At 6 A.M. rose & breakfasted. This day opened with a fine breeze from the North west. After breakfast I went on deck & cleaned my Spades. We are running in towards St. Michael's. we ran in until 8 O'clock & then backed ship and stood to the North west. At 8 O'clock I went to work & set up the Fore Rigging. She was pitching into it pretty bad & I got quite a drenching. At 10 O'clock I went a Left. She jumped so that we did not go any higher than Mast Head. I stayed until 12 O'clock then I came down & took dinner. Afternoon our watch below. I read a while & then retired until 4 O'clock. At 5 O'clock I went a left and stayed until 6. After I came down we took in the Main sail & Sam Gibbs & are laying our head to the Westward. Evening At 8 O'clock I went below & retired until my watch. So Ends These Twenty Four Hours

3 At Sea Wednesday Sept 9th 1857 3

Wednesday morning our watch was called at 4 O'clock. I went on deck and made it down. This day commenced with fine and pleasant weather but rather cool. At 6 O'clock A.M. I went a Left and stayed until 8. After I came from a Left I wrote up my Journal. While I was a Left I saw a Bill Fish the size of a Dolphin. Our watch below until 12 O'clock. After I finished writing in my Journal I retired for a while. Afternoon after dinner our watch went to work & scraped the Flying Jubb Bunn & varnished it. At 2 O'clock P.M. I went a Left. At 3 P.M. there was a Berg passed no standing to the S.E. we did not get near enough to speak her. But supposed she was an English. We are running in towards an Island called Berceira. Evening

Lat 38=39 Island of Berceira Long 27=12

After the Left-Louise & myself played a game of Cards. It is the first game that has been played for the voyage. I beat him three games. we played until 8 O'clock. Then Retired So Ends 2nd

Lat 38=39 Long 27=12

3 On Board Sch^{rs} Varnum H. Hill 4

3 At Sea Thursday Sept 10th 1858 3

Thursday morning my watch was called at 2 O'clock A.M. I had it calm during my watch. I have a bad cold, after my watch was out I took a good dose of Composition & went below and to bed. At 6 A.M. rose & breakfasted. It is very much at this morning. The Sky is overcast & looks rainy. After breakfast Mr. Hapkins went to work & put a new Button in the Jaws of the Main Sloop. At 8 O'clock A.M. our watch on deck. At 10 O'clock I went a-Deck and stayed until 12 O'clock then I came on & took dinner. Afternoon. We have been running in towards the ice. Evening we tacked Ship & took in Sail. we laid our head of Star. At 8 O'clock retired until my watch. So Ends 3rd day.

Lat 38 = 39 Long 27 = 12

3 At Sea Friday Sept 11th 1858. 3

Friday morning. Our watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. I washed of decks & then we hoisted the Mainsail & stood in towards the ice. Saw a whale standing to the Westward. we tacked Ship & stood towards her. At 8 A.M. she came a-Long & spoke us. we found it to be the Brig Panama of Princeton (Capt Birch). She has 320 Bbls of Spum Oil. Capt Birch came on board



us. Mr. Hapkins took his boat & went a-board of the Brig & staid with him. They were all to work stowing down Oil. I came on deck with some of his Pictures & I found they looked very natural. I spent the day very well. We stayed a-board until 2 O'clock P.M. Then we came a-board of our vessel. Evening we tacked Ship & took in the Mainsail & took the Sunset off the Gibb. It was very windy to Night with heavy Rain. At 8 O'clock I went below and retired until my watch. It looks some like bad weather a-land in these parts. So Ends 3rd day Twenty Four Hours with a fresh breeze

Lat 38 = 39 Long 27 = 12

On Board Sch^{rs} Warren H. Hill

At Sea Saturday Sept 12th 1857

Saturday Morning. This day commences with strong westerly winds. After breakfast I wrote a little in my Journal. This day commences with strong wind from the S West. This morning they singled Reefed the mainsail & hoisted it before breakfast. At 6 A.M. we & breakfasted. At 7 O'clock A.M. we hove to with our gill sheets to the windward & waited for the Brig Panamas to come up with us. She came up under our lee & they landed a way the Leeward boat & came aboard of us and brought some letters for us to carry to Pagan. Mr Calvin Nickerson (there mate) brought the letters aboard. He did not stop but a short time. After they went aboard we filled a keg and watered up the Island of Brechin. Wind still a breeze. After breakfast I cleaned my spades. At 10 O'clock A.M. I sent a Light and stayed until 12 O'clock. Afternoon wind blowing very fresh & still a breeze. After dinner we took in the mainsail & double Reefed the Foresail & ran off to the Leeward of the Island. Our watch below this afternoon I read a while & then retired until 4 O'clock P.M. At 4 O'clock we took then is several fathoms of whalers in sight. At 5 O'clock



P.M. we speak the Brig Mattipisist of Matiponi. She is 45 days from Home. At 5 O'clock I sent a Light. Saw a Berg running into Port Pagan & supposed that she anchored. At 6 O'clock I came down from a Light. This Evening we hove the Foresail double Reefed & singled Reef by sail & burnt off the top. At 8 O'clock I came below and wrote a little in my Journal my 2^d watch. I was called at 10 & went on deck and stayed until 12 O'clock, then I called the other watch and came below and retired. So ends this day's transaction.

Lat 38=39 Long 27=12

3 On Board Scho. Warren H. Hill 3

At Sea Sunday Sept 13th 1857
Sunday morning. At 6 o'clock A.M. rose and breakfasted. This day commences with strong westerly winds, we are being driven up and down to the Leeward of the Island. Well I do not know as I have anything new to journalize. So dry Sunday. So passes off as we have to spend a great many Sunday's. So dry the most of our crew have occupied a portion of the day in reading. This morning on watch below I read a while & then retired to a Nap. Afternoon rather more pleasant. On watch on deck I occupied a portion of this afternoon in reading Brooks Papers &c. At 4 o'clock P.M. Josiah and myself went aboard a boat the House & we passed a portion of time in relating our courtships & being whored times. Talked until 5 o'clock & then went below & took tea. Evening after tea I journalized a while. At 8 o'clock retired on my watch. So Ends this Sunday.
Lat 38-33 = Long 22-12

At Sea Monday Sept 14th 1857 3
Monday morning rose and breakfasted At 6 o'clock A.M. This commences with strong breezes from the Westward and very rough. After breakfast we hoisted the Single Reefed mainsail. At 6 A.M. saw the Island of Braciosa and are running towards it. My first Left this week. At 8 o'clock A.M.

Island of Braciosa

went a Left and stopped until 10 o'clock. Wind still a breeze. At 11 A.M. the Left Landed a way & we took in the Mainsail & doubled up the Foresail. Afternoon on watch below & wind still a breeze. At 4 P.M. on watch on deck. They are all employed in securing our boats. After tea took all the Craft out of all the boats & prepared for a Gale of Wind. We are all Hands on deck until 8 o'clock. At 8 o'clock my first watch ended still a breeze & looks very wild. I stood until 10 o'clock. then called the other watch and went below & retired. we are running off to the Leeward of the Island Braciosa. So Ends this day. Blowing a fresh breeze from W. Lat 38-03 Long 22-40

On Board Schooner Warrum H. Hill

At Sea Tuesday Sept-15th 1857

Tuesday morning my watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. Wind still blowing a heavy breeze & very rough. At day light I went on deck. I found that we were some distance to the Leeward of Graciosa. I stayed until 6 O'clock then came down & breakfasted. After breakfast we wore ship & stood in towards the Island. At 8 O'clock our watch below. I came below & wrote a little in my Journal. Afternoon rather more moderate. Took the Reef out of the Trysail & 1 Reef out of the Fore-sail. Still there is a bad sea running. After dinner I went on deck. I saw a Sail a long distance to the Leeward, supposed it was the Brig Pannamora. We are about 10 miles distance to the Leeward of Graciosa. Evening. After the Light lowered away Josiah & myself had another Game Cards. I beat him our Games. we played until 8 O'clock. His first watch I went below & retired.

Lat 27=03 Long 37=40

At Sea Wednesday Sept-16th 1857

Wednesday morning rose and breakfasted. In by commencing with moderate wind from the S.W. but an old sea having in. After breakfast we hoisted Mainsail Soft Top-sail & Stay-sail and are standing in towards Graciosa. After we made sail I cleaned my Sprakes. At 8 O'clock A.M. my Light went up & stayed until 10 O'clock. We passed the Island of Graciosa at 10 A.M. & stood on towards the Island of St-George.

Lat 38=31 Island of St-George Long 27=50

Afternoon rather more pleasant. we have a strong breeze from the S.W. Our watch below this afternoon. I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. At 4 O'clock P.M. I went on deck. We are close into St-George. Evening we took in sail. My first watch. I had one of the greatest Bumpers during my watch that I ever witnessed. I never saw such Lightning before in all my life. At 8 O'clock the wind came into the N.E. with a tremendous Squall. we took in the Gibb & Trysail. I stayed until 10 O'clock then called the other watch and went below and retired. So Ends 2nd days Warrum

3 On Board Sch^{rs} Varnum H. Hill 3

3 Going Into Fayal. Thursday Sept-17th 1858 3
Thursday morning my watch was called at 4 O'clock
A.M. we made sail and are running into the
harbor of Fayal. At 10² O'clock we let our anchors go.
We had but just got our sails furled before the
ward boat came a board with the American Consul.
At 11 O'clock A.M. The Bohacee Agent came a board. The
ward was our boys got all your tobacco & soap and
bring them aft. After we had got all the tobacco
and soap together, it was all put into my
caskets in my berth & then the same was sealed.
At 11² O'clock we took dinner. At 12 O'clock the Captain
and Steward went ashore. The Steward is a going
to make some stay there. So now I am occupying
the berth as Steward. Afternoon our crew are all
employed in breaking out the Haul & discharging
the Oil. There has been several boats a long while
this afternoon to sell Brim. After I washed the dishes
wrote a letter in my journal. There is several
sail of vessels in Port. The Brig Lewis Bonier of
New Bedford Capt Isaac Nickerson (Master) lies
short distance from us. {That is a mistake we found
it to be the Brig Altamaha
of Liverpool
Capt Tucker

End of Fayal.

Afternoon there has been several Boat boats a board this
afternoon & some of them but off Augudent {Ligars} &
and got our boys intoxicated. At 4 O'clock P.M. there
was a run in the Forecastle. The 2^d Mate and others
went down & punished them. At 6 O'clock the Capt. came
aboard & took Supper. Evening At 8 O'clock P.M. all
hands drunk in the Forecastle but two. They were all
all of fight. The Capt put our down in Irons & they
are a going to Mortarize. We stand half watches with
loaded Guns & are prepared for action. At 12 O'clock
watch. The Rioters had then got easy. I stood until
1 O'clock & then went to work & cooked breakfast
Thus Ends this day's work with down in Irons.

On Board Ship Warren H. Hill

At Fayal Friday Sept 18th 1858
Friday morning. This day opens with fine and pleasant
weather. At 5 o'clock A.M. The Cook was called to get up
and get breakfast. The reply he made was that he
should not do it, that he had refused duty and
every other man in the Forecastle but one. So I suppose
that I must be Cook & Steward both. At 8 o'clock the
man that was put in Irons. got on deck & had
off his Irons. He took them off himself & came
on deck & began to show fight. Our afterguards are
to work discharging oil. At 9 o'clock A.M. The Capt-
received a billet from the Consul to send three criminals
a shore. The man that he sent a shore in the Consul's
boat were Sean. McCarty. Dublin. & the Cook. The Consul
took them after they arrived shore & put them all
in the Calaburn. The Capt. then asked the rest
of them if they would go on duty. They all said that
they would not. The Capt. then sent a shore, and
the Consul came off with a regiment of Soldiers.
They arrived on board at 11 A.M. The Soldiers took their
station on the Quater. The Consul called all the Boys
on the quater & talked to them a while & then asked
them if they would go on duty. They all said they
would not. The Consul then ordered every man to be put
in Irons. And keep them there until they would
yield & come on duty. He said they must have just
enough bread & water to sustain nature. The criminals
that we have in Irons are as follows. Dick Murphy. Jim
Ryan. Scully. John Lea. Bill West & Sam Shering. and
Riley. They are all forward in Irons. They have had
nothing at all to eat to day. At 12 o'clock A.M. The Officer
& Consul sent a shore & then we took dinner. After I cleared
a way the Table I wrote a little in my Journal. After I
cleared a way my Table. Evening. The Steward has been off a
board this afternoon & stayed a while, and was a shore this evening. The Capt.
arrived a board at 6 o'clock P.M. He had a board a large Basket of Fish. It was
the first time that I ever saw any Fish from the Irish. At 8 o'clock my first
dinner. At 10 I called the other men on them and below and behind. So ends Dr

On Board Schs Vermun H. Hill

At Fayal Saturday Sept-19th 1857

Saturday morning. My watch was called at 4 o'clock. We have the watches very fine to say. At 6 o'clock A.M. I got breakfast. At 7 o'clock A.M. The Steward came a board. After breakfast, my watch prepared them selves to go a shore. The Capt. took all the letters and carried them a shore this morning. He is going to send them Home by the Schs Wm P. Collins of Antucket. She is to sail in a fine day. I sent one Letter to my Wife, one to Lemuel Cook 3^d, and to Misses Baxter, Peter, and one to J.W. Emery & Co. of Provincetown Barn. At 8 o'clock A.M. we went a shore, when we landed at the fort. There was an Officer took us & examined us to see if we had any Tobacco a boot or Person. After we had passed an examination we then went up into the village. Mr Hopkins Linnel went our way. & Billy & myself went a watch. we took a walk down to the Market. we stood there a while & see them sell their Produce. After I arrived back to the Custom house I felt my limb. It seemed quite a task for me to walk short distance. It being 111 Days since I have walked on the land & I found it made my Legs feel some what stiff. While I was a shore I saw Benjamin Turner. He is 2^d Mate of the Berg messengers. I saw Benjamin North. he is at the Hospital, he left the Schs Wells Irving. I also saw an Portuguese Man that was lived in Provincetown. He has been with Capt Young in the Wolden Holmes. At 12 o'clock A.M. we came a board. Afternoon. After the other watch went a shore and we stayed a board to work. Mr Hopkins & Linnel relayed the Clubs our flus, & Billy & myself went to work running down Salt. After we filled our Casks, we worked until 6 o'clock & then washed off decks. At 7 o'clock P.M. the Boat came off & brought Capt. He sent the Boat a shore & sent off the other boys. After they arrived a board we took Supper. Evening. The Steward has gave a shore again to night. After Supper, I chained a way the Gable & then Josiah & myself went on deck & sat on the Horn & talked a while. At 8 o'clock P.M. we went below and retired until my watch. my watch was called at 12 o'clock. I stood until 2 then called the other watch. So Ends this Day with 1 Men in Prison.

On Board Scho. Warrum H. Hill

At Fayal Sunday. Sept 20th 1857
Sunday morning. I was called at 5³⁰ O'clock. I ran and got breakfast. This day is commencing with Rain Storms. After breakfast I cleared a way the Doble & got on the dinner to cook. Joseph Francis & Juank are the only two that have gone a shore in the Starboard watch. They went a shore at 9 O'clock & came a board at 12 O'clock. At 11³⁰ O'clock I got dinner & left the Doble sitting for the Berg's when they come a board. After dinner we prepared our selves to go a shore. we left the vessel at 12³⁰ O'clock. After we arrived on Shore Billy & myself went up to the Sailors Home. There were quite a number of Gentles at the Home. we stayed there a while and then took a walk down Street. And if there was no one to keep run of the days of the week, he never would know when Sunday came to be a shore in Fayal. For they carry on the same business on the Sabbath that they follow the rest of the week. We went down to the Market and stayed a while & from there we went further down Street. When we came back we went up to the Sailors Home. Billy & myself were sitting in the parlour & talking, when I looked up & discerned a Face that was very familiar. & when should it be but James Carver from Provincetown in the Berg. St. Brunchina. I did not know that he was within a thousand miles of us. The Berg did not come into the Harbour, she was laying off the entrance. we talked a while. Then we went down to the Hospital to see a sick man that we left there. we stayed there a while & then came up to the Fort. when I got up there I saw Capt. Joseph Duck. I was very glad to see him. it seemed something like Home. Mrs Hopkins & Linnel went a board in the consul's Boat at 4³⁰ O'clock. I stayed a shore until 6 O'clock & then came a board in Capt. Duck's Boat. He came a long side of us to get some letters. he did not stop but a short time. Evening I wrote a little in my Journal. My 2nd watch 2nd Night. So Ends This Day. with 7 Men in Irons.

3 On Board Sch^{rs} Warrum H. Hill 3

3 At Sayal Monday Sept 21st 1857
Monday morning. I was called at 5 O'clock I got up and
at breakfast. While they were eating breakfast the steward
came a board. This day commences with a fresh breeze & rain
falls occasionally. After breakfast I helped the steward
clear away his table, so soon I have given up my
mission as steward. At 8 O'clock Capt. Brock came
board of our vessel & stayed a short time. Mr. Frederick
Practor (2^d Mate) came a board with him. I was very
glad to see him as we used to be old chums. This
evening we have been running flat water down in
the back to ballast her. After dinner I went
out and put new strings on the violin. At 2 O'clock
went a shore with the Starboard water. Had not
been a shore but a short time before we came across
Practor. So Joseph Francis Practor and myself
went off on a cruise together. We went up to the Sailors
Lam and stayed a while and from there we took a
walk down Street. At 5 O'clock the Boatman brought
the Capt. & Mr. Freeman off board the vessel. we stayed
shore until 6 O'clock & then came down on the wharf
found the Boatman all ready and waiting for us. I got
into the Boat & was a waiting for the other boys to come.
stood up & spoke to them & when I went to sit down
the Boat rocked and the way I went was board and
not all under water. I got hold of the Boat and got
myself into her again. I got a complete drenching.
I got off Board I changed my clothes and then took
a nap. Evening. Wind blowing a very strong breeze
a heavy down both of our anchors. After 2 we played
a few games on the violin then sat down and
wrote a little in my Journal. Last evening I wrote a
letter to my wife, and shall send it on
our return. It will go to America the last of this
week in the Consul's Barge. Her name is the Argos.
At 8 O'clock wind still a breeze. After I had written
in my Journal I retired under my blanket. My watch
was called at 2 O'clock A.M. So ends this days transaction

3 On Board Scho. Warrum H. Hill 3

At Fayal Tuesday Sept 22nd 1857
Tuesday morning: sun and breakfasted. It is blowing
away strong breeze from the North West and very squally.
After breakfast Mr. Freeman got up his gun and commenced
shooting Gulls. He shot 7 in number, and expected that we shall
have quite a Pot Stew. At 10 O'clock A.M. The Capt. & Steward
and a steward. I sat the table for dinner. At 11 O'clock A.M. The
Capt. sent off a load of Pumpkins. We have all felt rather
lonesome to day. There has been nothing doing a board, and
nothing worth a story. Last evening I wrote another letter to
Daniel Cobb 3rd. I am going to send it in the Consul's
Barge. She is to sail next week. Afternoon nothing doing
a board. We all had a sing and I played the Violin. At 5 O'clock
P.M. the Capt. came a board & had some Papers & letters
from Home. He gave each his portion and I tell you it
made us all feel quite good to get news from Home. Mr.
Freeman received one, the Capt. one & some Papers for which
we and myself are to give some small presents.
They came with Capt. Stephen S. Rides in the Barge
N. D. Chase. My letter was written a few days after we
sailed. It was dated May 23rd 1857. I was very glad to get that
and I suppose all the Rest were the same. I found that
that the Hon Joseph L. Young had joined in the Holy
Bonds of Matrimony. I find that he was married to Miss
Charlotte Berthel. (She Miss W's daughter.) I perused my letter
several times and was very glad to hear from Home. It
being the first news that we have heard from Home since
we sailed. The Barge N. D. Chase is laying off & on, she is
not going to anchor. The Barge F. Buckner is still lying
off & on. Evening we had a new watch to run a board
to day. The other Officers went on shore. I believe I have
written a but all I can think of this days transaction.
This Evening rather more squally. The sky is overcast &
looks very much like Rain. At 8 O'clock I retired with
my watch. My watch was called at 10 O'clock I rose and
wrote a little in my Journal. At 12 O'clock I called the other
watch and have quite good weather & I suppose that we
shall go to Sea tomorrow morning. So Ends To day.

On Board Schs Cormorant H. Hill 3

St. Fayal Wednesday Sept 23rd 1857
Wednesday morning. This day commences with a fine breeze from the North West and very pleasant. I was called at 6 o'clock & went to work and washed down decks. Last evening I wrote our other letter to my wife. The Capt sent a shore party breakfast and carried the letters. They will go the first of next week in the Consul's Berg. At 10 o'clock we moved the windlass and commenced operation for our anchors, had both anchors down & we had considerable trouble in getting our anchors. The large chain was too large for the pipe, and in getting our anchors in broke the Patent to the windlass. We then had to rig purchases and take it up by hand. At 8 o'clock A.M. The Capt came off a board with one of the criminals in Irons, {Dunblin & McElerty} and put them down in the Run. At 10 o'clock we left the harbor of Fayal, the Berg F. Kunkin & N.D. Chase saying off & on. Capt Buck came a long and spoke to us as he was going a shore. He said that he should not all through with his business to day. After we got under way we ran our course due to St. George's. At 4 o'clock Mr. Lound a day the Sterboard Boat, the Capt & his Boat's crew out a shore. we are lying off & on waiting for the boat to come on board. At 5 o'clock P.M. The Boat came aboard. He did not purchase any vegetables as there were none on the Island. It is rather a hard looking place. I do not see how a human being can get a living on that Island. After the Capt came on board we took up the Boat & took in the Main sail & Flying Jib and pulled them, then took Gen. Evening the Sky looks overcast, it is quite moderate. we are running down between the two Islands {Pier & St. George's} After Gen I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. Watch set at 11-50 o'clock. has been very pleasant to day. At 8 o'clock I retired under my watch. We shipped 3 men in Fayal 2 Portuguese and 1 man. The Portuguese are in my watch I think they are good men. We left Gen & the Boat at Fayal in the Calabash. My watch was out and went below & retired until breakfast time. Ends This day with 2 men in the Run Handcuffed.

3 On Board Schs Warrum H. Hill 3

At Sea Thursday Sept 24th 1857 3
Thursday morning we and breakfasted at 6 o'clock A.M.
This day commences with a strong breeze from the N.E.
The sky is overcast & looks very much like a storm.
The weather is very cool. After breakfast I went a little in
my Journal, we are now from Home 4 months yesterday.
At 8 o'clock A.M. we are close to the Island of St. George. At 9 o'clock
A.M. the Capt. landed a way the Starboard Boat & went a shore
to a small village to get some vegetables. But could not get any.
After the Boat came a board we ran down the Island, we had
one man to run a way this morning his name is Riley.
I think that he will find rather a hard sight to get
any thing to eat. Afternoon our watch below. I went a
little in my Journal then retired until 4 o'clock P.M. At 4 o'clock
our watch was called. At 4 1/2 o'clock we took tea. After tea I went
a left & stayed until 6 o'clock. The Capt. took the Boys out of
the Run & took off the Irons. Evening. After tea we took in sail we
are about 6 miles to the westward of Liricira. After we took in sail
I took the violin on deck & we sang a few Psalms. So Ends to day.

3 At Sea Friday Sept 25th 1857 3
Friday morning my watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M.
I went on deck and washed down. This day commences with
fine weather & very pleasant weather. we have a very moderate breeze
from the S.W. After breakfast I went a left and stayed until 6 o'clock.
Afternoon we are 3 miles off Liricira. At 8 A.M. I landed a way the Starboard boat
the Capt. & his boats crew have gone a shore to buy vegetables. At 4
o'clock the Boat came a board with a load of Potatoes, Onions, Apples,
Peaches, Figs, Lemons &c &c. At 4 o'clock I came down from a
left. After we had taken out our produce we took the Boat
on the Crans. we have a fine breeze this Afternoon.
One of the Men that went a shore in the Boat (Daniel
Sherring) came off a board dead drunk. At 5 o'clock we
took tea. We are now running our course over towards
St. Michaels. Evening. At 8 o'clock we took in the mainsail
& set the Tugsail. At 2 o'clock my watch, we passed the
Island of St. Michaels at 3 o'clock. After my watch was out I
went to bed and retired until breakfast time. So Ends this day.

3 On Board Sch^{rs} Varnum H. Hill

3 At Sea Saturday Sept 26th 1857
Saturday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 o'clock A.M. Spent
breakfast on tack in the Bysail & Hoisted the mainsail, we
ran to the Eastward of St. Michaels. This day commences with fine
weather & a good breeze from S.W. At 8 o'clock all our watch
employed in stowing down the chains. At 9 o'clock A.M. we
saw a way the Larchard & with Bait & went out and chased
Black Fish. They were so wild they could not get a chance on
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
At 10 o'clock A.M. I went a Lift and stowed until 12. Then I came
down and took dinner. We are now running our course to the S.E.
ing down to what they call the Steam Ground. Afternoon
watch below. I went a little in my Journal then retired
until 4 o'clock. At 6 o'clock P.M. St. Michaels is out of sight.
we can now see nothing but the Sky & Blue water. At 4 o'clock
there was a strong breeze in tack in the mainsail & set the Bysail.
At 5 o'clock Joseph Francis Slaughtered 3 Chickens with a Jack Knife.
After Sun I went a Lift and stowed until 6 o'clock. We are running to
with a East. At 8 P.M. retired until my watch. So Ends 26 day.

3 At Sea Sunday Sept 27th 1857
Sunday morning. Well here is a most Sabbath to be spent
at Sea. This day commences with a good breeze from the N.W. At
10 o'clock A.M. rose and breakfasted. The Sky is overcast &
windy. Last evening the Capt. & myself played several games
of cards. He beat me 6 games. Our watch on deck until 8 o'clock.
I came down below & improved a part of the day in reading
found in the Boston Journal. (Some Papers that we get in
Cape for Capt. Birch) the report of Sch^{rs} E. Nickerson
- Brunswick August 4th 1857. I retired this forenoon at 12
o'clock A.M. took dinner. We had Stewed Chickens for
dinner & that is what I call living high & sleeping in the
cabin. Afternoon Our watch on deck. Josiah & myself spent
most of the afternoon in reading. We are running to the S.W.
Evening. After Sun. Josiah & myself sang a few
Psalms & then I went below and wrote a little in my Journal
At 5 o'clock I retired until my watch. It is very pleasant
this Evening. So Ends this Sabbath day.

3 On Board Sch^s Varnum. H. Hill 3

At Sea Monday Sept-28th 1857 3

Monday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock. A.M. This Day commences with fresh Breezes from the Westwind. After breakfast I went to work and cleaned my Spades. It is the first time I have cleaned them since we left Fuzal. After I cleaned my Spades I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. At 8 O'clock A.M. I went to a Loft & stayed until 10 O'clock A.M. After I came from a Loft I went to work & made one Handspike. At 12 O'clock I took dinner. Afternoon our Watch below I read a while & then retired to bunk. At 4 O'clock P.M. our watch was called I went to a Loft. There is a large Ship a head standing the same way that we are, suppose that she is a Merchantman. At 5 O'clock I came down from a Loft & took Tea. Evening at 6 O'clock we took in the Mainsail & Flying Jib. After we had shortened Sail I came below & wrote a little in my Journal. At 8 O'clock my first watch I stood until 10 O'clock then called the other watch and went below and retired. Thus Ends this days Drainsade.

At Sea Tuesday Sept-29th 1857 3

Tuesday morning my watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. Last evening at 9 O'clock I saw 3 or 4 lights to the leeward I looked at them some time & I thought they were 3 or 4 Stars. I called the other watch at 10 O'clock & he called them Stars & then he altered his mind and called it a Steamer. At 10¹/₂ O'clock I went below and called the Capt. He came on deck & called them Stars. I then the wheel up and round down towards them. The Capt. took his apparatus and said it was a Ship saying 3 or 4 miles clear Reef & spritsail we ran down and spoke her and found it to be the Ship Franklin of New Bedford, his boats had been at from the vessel since 11 O'clock. The Ship had on 30 or 32 men.



On Board Sch^y Warrum. H. Hill

After we spoke the Ship we fired our and steved
to the N.E. At 5 A.M. I sent a lift. At 5³⁰ clock I saw
our objects on the water to the Leeward. I told the Capt
& thought they were the Ships Boats. we kept off
and ran down to them & spoke them & we found
them to be the Ships Boats. we sat our Callers
to let the Ship know that we saw her Boats. The
Ship was a long distance to the Windward. her Boats
had been out all Night & I think they had quite
worn out. At 9 O'clock A.M. saw a Brig to the
Leeward. we ran down & spoke her and found it
to be the Brig Eschel. of Provincetown (Capt. Mills)
she has 210 Bbls of Sper. Capt Mills & Mr
Callisard came aboard of us & stayed a few minutes.



At 10³⁰ O'clock we saw a school of Sperm Whales.
we Eschel & we lowered a meg and gave
them a chase. The Whales were bound to the windward
like Chain Lightning. We butted chased a but 3 Hours
then gave it up for a bad job. After our Boats came
board we stood to the North West. The Eschel and
Ship Franklin are in company with us. The Whales are
all that our Boat could get nigh them. Afternoon, at
O'clock I sent a lift & stayed until 2 O'clock. then I
went down & finished my Hand spike. This is the first
one that we have seen whales & not taken one.
After 3 we came below and wrote a little in my Journal.
was Squally all the fore part of this forenoon & quite
pleasant this afternoon. Evening At 8 O'clock was
pleasant. I took my Violin on deck and played until 9
O'clock then I went below and retired until my watch
to End of this Day with rather poor Success

3 On Board Ship Vassar H. Hill. 3

At Sea Wednesday Sept 30th 1857 3

Wednesday morning. I rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. This day commences with a moderate breeze from the North East. After breakfast we hauled down the Topsail & set the Flying Jib. After we had made sail I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. At 8 O'clock A.M. I went a-Deck and stayed until 10. At 11 O'clock A.M. wind blowing a strong breeze from the North East. We took in the Gaff Topsail & furlled it. Last Evening in my watch I was so unfortunate as to lose my Straw Hat over board. So to day I have took out a new one. At 12 O'clock I got an observation. Afternoon. After dinner I wrote a little in my Journal. Our Watch below this afternoon. After I finished writing I retired for a while. At 4 O'clock I went a-Deck and stayed until 5 O'clock. Then I came down and took Tea. Evening after Tea I went on Deck. At 6 O'clock P.M. we took in the Mainsail & Flying Jib and set the Topsail. Then I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. At 8 O'clock my first watch. I stood until 10 O'clock. Then went below & retired. So Ends this the last day of Sept 1857

At Sea Oct 1st (Thursday) 1857 3

And Still the Big Wheel keeps Revolving. To day is the first of Oct. It opens with a cloudy Sky & a good breeze from the N.E. & a very short Sea running. At 4 O'clock A.M. I was called, I stood until 5 O'clock. Then called the other watch and went a-Deck. At 6¹⁵ O'clock I came down and breakfasted. After breakfast finished the Mainsail. We are now cruising on what they call the Steam Channel. Our Watch below this forenoon. I went below and wrote a little in my Journal. After I had finished writing I retired. At 11³⁰ O'clock we took dinner. After dinner it blowing so very fresh that we took in the Mainsail & set the Topsail. At 1 O'clock A.M. I went a-Deck. I stayed until 2 O'clock. Then I came down. At 4 O'clock P.M. we doubled reefed the Mainsail. At 5 O'clock P.M. we took Tea Evening. After Tea I wrote a little in my Journal. At 8 O'clock we reefed the Topsail & took the Bonnet off the Jib. Wind blowing quite a fresh Gale. At 8 O'clock P.M. I went below & retired. So Ends these Bumpy Four Hours with rough weather.

3 On Board Ship Harmon H. Hill 3

At Sea Friday Oct 2^d 1857 3
Friday morning: I called the other watch at 2 o'clock -
then I went below and retired until 6 o'clock A.M. At 6 am
and breakfasted. This Day commences with fresh breeze
from the North East. At 6 A.M. rose and breakfasted. We are now
making 200 miles double Reefed Fore sail & single Reefed Dye sail
Brought off the Gills. Wind still a breeze. At 7³⁰ o'clock we
in Ship and run off to the S.W. After breakfast I wrote a
little in my Journal. At 8 o'clock A.M. I sent a Light and
Tide until 10. At 12 o'clock we took dinner. Afternoon wind
still a breeze & a very bad sea running. Our watch below the
thorn. At 2 o'clock P.M. we were called to take in the Gills. It
now blowing a lively Gale of Wind. To day is the Capt's
wife's Birth day, she is 21 years to day. And we find it a
very Birth day at Sea. I am in hopes it is more pleasant
than to day, than we have it. At 2 o'clock the Lights lowered
my. Evening. After Tea we took the Bells up on the upper
masts & secured every thing snug. My first watch. I expected to have
a Stern Boat in my watch. At 10 I called the other watch, then retired.

At Sea Saturday Oct 3^d 1857 3
This morning the Gale has increased. My watch was called
at 4 o'clock A.M. I thought that we should have our Stern Boat
before day light. At 5³⁰ o'clock I called the other watch. After they
were on deck we hoisted the Bob Gills & she seemed to lay more
steady. At 6³⁰ o'clock we breakfasted. Our watch are back until 8 o'clock
P.M. we do not stand a Light to day. At 8 o'clock A.M. I came below and
wrote a little in my Journal then retired for a while. Afternoon. Our
watch are back. After dinner I sent an Deck and as it had moderated
sent a Light. & stayed until 2 o'clock P.M. At 3 o'clock we hoisted
the Gills. At 4 o'clock called the Starboard watch, I sent up and
sent Francis's Light, his Boat his very Painful. At 5 o'clock
P.M. I came down and took Tea. After Tea I wrote a
little in my Journal. Joseph Francis, has been
laughing more than ever this Afternoon. Evening.
The Tea we took in the Bob Gills. Wind still a breeze. At 8
o'clock retired until my watch. At 12 I was called, wind blowing
fresh. At 2 o'clock I called the other watch, then retired.

On Board Shs. Porpoise H. Hill

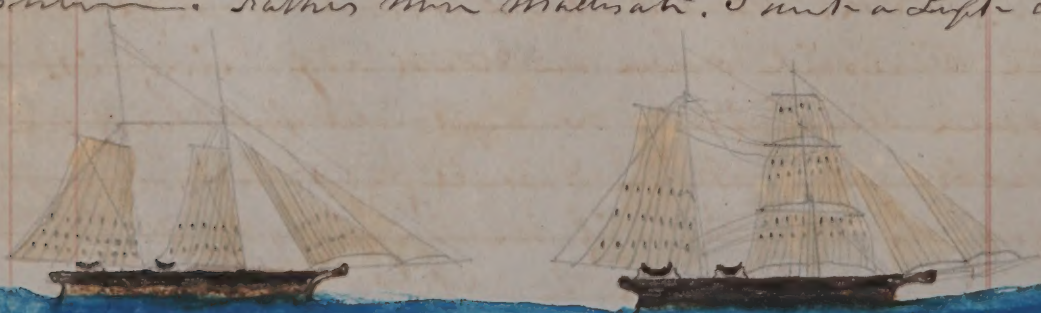
At Sea Sunday Oct-4th 1857

Sunday morning. The Gale is a bit the same as it was last night. We are still laying 2 or 3 miles down the Reefed Finesail & single Reefed Bysail. This morning run at 6³⁰ clock and breakfast. After breakfast I went a little in my journal. At 8⁰⁰ clock our watch on Deck. Afternoon. Wind blowing a very fresh Gale. Our watch below this afternoon. After dinner. Wind rather moderated. I retired. At 4⁰⁰ clock our watch on Deck. At 5⁰⁰ clock we took tea. Evening. This Sunday has passed off as we have to pass a great many. The most of this day is now occupied in reading. It is now 8⁰⁰ clock while I am writing, it is about 20 minutes of 5⁰⁰ clock At Home, just about 2 or 3 miles at Home. I suppose that my wife will go to meeting this evening. I should like to be at Home this evening to go to church with her. After tea I took out the violin & the Capt. & myself sang several Psalms. At 8⁰⁰ clock I retired until my watch. my 2^d Watch. At 10⁰⁰ clock I was called I stood until 12⁰⁰ clock, then called the other watch & went below & retired. So Ends 30 day

Lat 32-37.

At Sea Monday Oct-5th 1857

Monday morning. This day commences with little better weather. The Gale is somewhat abated. My watch was called at 5⁰⁰ clock A.M. I went to work and worked down deck. At 6⁰⁰ clock A.M. we hoisted the gill and are running our course to the S.E. we have set the Reefed Finesail, single Reefed Bysail & gill set this morning. I am in hopes that we shall run into better weather by night. After breakfast I went a little and stepped until 8⁰⁰ clock. After I came from a little I came below and wrote a little in my journal. Our watch below until 12⁰⁰ clock. Afternoon. rather more moderate. I went a little at 2 & stood 2nd watch.



This evening At 5³⁰ clock. Brig Schooner came a long and spoke to us. She is bound to the S.E. At 8⁰⁰ clock retired until my watch. So Ends This days transaction. Lat 31-21 Long

On Board Ship Parmour H. Hill 3

At Sea Tuesday Oct 6th 1857

Tuesday morning my watch was called at 2 O'clock A.M. I stood until 4 O'clock A.M. Then went below and retired. At 6 A.M. rose and breakfasted. This day commences with most beautiful weather. we have had a pleasant breeze from the South West. we ran all Night W.S.E. under Foresail Tysail & jib. Last night my watch was called at 2 O'clock this morning I stood until 4 O'clock and then called the other watch & went below & retired. At 6 O'clock A.M. rose and breakfasted. After breakfast we hoisted the Mainsail the Brig took us in sight a Stern. we are both running to the S.E. After we had made Sail I went to work and cleaned my Spade's. Then our watch went to work and took our potatoes on deck to dry. At 10 A.M. I went a Lift my good standing in the Jacks to dry. While I was a Lift some several small Boats on the water to sleep. At 11 O'clock A.M. I saw the Island of Salvages. it lays between Madeira & Canary Islands. At 12 O'clock came down and took dinner. ^{Lat 30° 13' Long 15° 42'} Afternoon our watch came. After Sun I went a Lift and stayed until sunset. Evening after we took in Sail I wrote up my Journal. we are still running to the S.E. At 8 O'clock I retired until my watch. So Ends 2^d day.

At Sea Wednesday Oct 7th A.D. 1857

Wednesday morning my watch was called at 4³⁰ O'clock A.M. went on deck and washed down. After breakfast I went a Lift and stayed until 8 O'clock. This has been most beautiful day. But no whales. At 8 O'clock A.M. our watch below. I came below and wrote one letter to my wife and commenced writing one for General Carr. At 12 O'clock I went up and took an observation. Afternoon our watch on deck. At 2 O'clock I went a Lift. Mr Hope has the Foresail down on deck repairing it. At 4 O'clock P.M. I came down from a Lift. At 4³⁰ O'clock we took in. At 5 O'clock Jimmy Rice & Lently got to work a fighting for they repaired the Foresail we hoisted it. After we had hoisted I came below & wrote a little in my Journal. Evening. At sunset we took in the Mainsail & flying jib & layed our Head off shore. At 8 O'clock I retired until my watch. Ends 3^d day. Dearly Paul Harris with him neither but no Whales.

On Board Scho. Carmum H. Hill 3

At Sea Thursday Oct 8th 1857

Thursday morning, my watch was called at 20 clock. At 40 clock A.M. I called the other watch & then went below and retired until breakfast time. At 6³⁰ A.M. rose & breakfasted. After breakfast we hoisted our mainsail. After we had made sail I went to work and cleaned my spades. At 100 clock. A.M. I went a lift. The air is very mild to day. but the sky is overcast and cloudy. At 120 clock. A.M. I came from a lift and took dinner. Afternoon our watch below. After dinner I wrote a little in my journal. After I had wrote up my journal I commenced writing letters I finished one for Samuel Cook & one for Mrs Bext & Pettis. At 40 clock P.M. our watch on deck. This afternoon has been very squally & the sky cloudy & overcast at times. There has been several squalls seen this afternoon. After 2 I went a lift and stayed until sunset. At sunset I lowered away & went to work in the mainsail and flying jib. Evening the Capt. & Mrs Linnell are playing Chequers. At 80 clock I retired until my watch. So ends these twenty four hours.

At Sea Friday Oct 9th A.D. 1857

Friday morning, my watch was called at 50 clock A.M. I went on deck and washed down. This day commences with strong Easterly Breeze. We did not Hoist the mainsail this morning as the wind was blowing rather fresh. After breakfast I went a lift and stayed until 80 clock A.M. At 80 clock our watch below. I wrote a little in my journal. After I had finished writing in my journal, I commenced writing a letter to Mr Emory (Editor of Provincetown Banner) I wrote a few lines and then retired. At 120 clock A.M. our watch dinner. Afternoon our watch on deck. The wind is still a breeze & the weather looks as if we should have a violent Gale from the North East. After dinner there was a Sea Breeze came a long side. Mrs Freeman fired the gun at him but did not get him. At 20 clock P.M. I went a lift. I stayed until 40 clock and then came down. The Capt. has been painting the wheel green. At 50 clock the lift lowered away. Evening wind still a breeze. At 80 clock I came below and retired until my watch. So ends these twenty four hours with windy weather.

On Board Scho. Tarnum H. Hill

At Sea Saturday Oct 10th 1857
Saturday morning my watch was called at 2 o'clock A.M. I stood
until 4 o'clock & then called the other watch and went below
and retired. At 6 o'clock A.M. rose and breakfasted. Wind still
blowing a violent breeze from the North East. After breakfast
wrote a little in my Journal. At 8 o'clock A.M. our watch on
deck. We are lying to under single Reefed Foresail & Runnet-abb
the Gibb. At 10 o'clock A.M. I went a Lift. we did not go any
farther than Mast Head to day, for the wind was blowing very
fresh and she jumped into the sea so bad. At 12 o'clock
P.M. I came down and took dinner. Afternoon wind still
blowing. Our watch below. I retired until 4 o'clock P.M.
we went on deck. we did not stand any Lift. After 4 o'clock
evening after sunset. I took out the violin & played several
solos. At 8 o'clock P.M. I retired until my watch.
Ends this day's transaction with my windy weather.

At Sea Sunday Oct 11th 1857
Sunday morning. rose and breakfasted at 6 o'clock.
The wind is still blowing very fresh from the N.E. The
sky is overcast & cloudy at looks very much like Rain.
After breakfast I went on deck and read a while &
then came below and wrote a little in my Journal.
Our watch below this forenoon. After I had finished
writing up my Journal I retired for a while.
Afternoon our watch on deck. After dinner I took some
papers on deck and improved the most of the time in
reading them. This afternoon we have quite good weather
the wind has moderated considerably and I am in hopes
that we shall have better weather to morrow. Sunday is
thus a pleasant day at sea. I think if I could get home and
spend Sunday & come a board Monday morning I should
like it much. At 5 o'clock P.M. we took Tea. Evening.
After Tea I took the violin on deck and we sang a few
songs. we sang until the latter sang for 8 o'clock. At 8
went below and retired until my watch. It is quite
moderate this evening. My watch was called at 12 o'clock A.M.
and until 2 then called the other watch. So ends this Sunday.

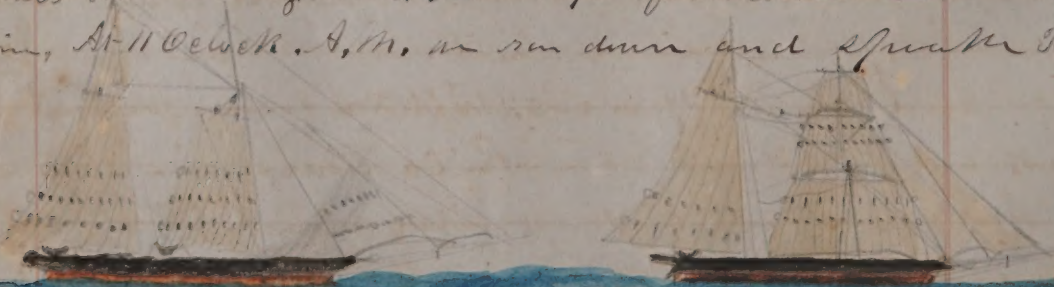
On Board Ship Parmus H. Hill

At Sea Monday Oct 12th 1857

Monday morning. rise and breakfast at 6 O'clock A.M. This day commences with fine weather. The sky is overcast; but it looks like clearing off and being good weather. After breakfast we hoisted the mainsail & left the side, and run in towards the Island, At 8 O'clock A.M. I sent a Lipt and stayed until 10 O'clock. After I came from a Lipt I don't see seeing an ear Gibb. At 12 O'clock took dinner. Afternoon our watch below. After dinner I went to work a writing letters. I finished one for Mrs Emory (Editor of Boston) and commenced writing one to Mr F.C. Miller. At 12 O'clock saw a school of Blackfish, we heard many all their tails and give them a chase, but they were so wild that they could not get near them at 2 O'clock the boats came a board. At 4 O'clock I sent a Lipt and stayed until 5 O'clock and then came down and took tea. Evening At Sunset we took in the Mainsail & Gibb. At 8 O'clock P.M. I retired. So Ends This Day.

At Sea Tuesday Oct 13th A.D. 1857

Tuesday morning my watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. At 6 O'clock I called the watch and then sent a Lipt. At 7 O'clock I came down and breakfasted. This Day commences with fine weather. We have a moderate breeze from the N.E. we are running our course to the S.W. After breakfast I cleaned my sprades. At 8 O'clock A.M. our watch below. I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. At 9 O'clock A.M. there was a large school of Porpoises on a long side. The Lipt fastened on but we did not show him. At 11 O'clock A.M. we ran down and spoke Brig Cohasset.



After dinner I sent a Lipt. The rest of the watch was to work a sending down the four depots; There is several sail of Whalesmen in sight. Evening. This day ends with fine weather. At Sunset we took in the Lipt. At 8 O'clock retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.

3 On Board Ship, Tarrum H. Hill 3

At Sea Wednesday Oct 14th 1857 3
Wednesday Morning. At 6 O'clock A.M. rose and breakfasted.
This day commences with very cloudy weather but very moderate. After
breakfast in hauled mainsail, Soft Topsail & Flying. The Barge —
Messengers. Barge Oculia & Brig Eschul & 2 or 3 men who are in sight.
After breakfast I wrote a little in my Journal. At 8 O'clock I went
Left. I stayed until 10 O'clock. After I came from a lift I went to
work and rigged shrouds from the Head of the Foremast down to the
mast, & put in a spracks between the shrouds. so it makes very
and a bit standing up there now. Afternoon very water below, very
pleasant this afternoon. I finished one letter for F.C. Miller, & then
wrote my Journal. At 4 O'clock our water was sick, I went a
left and stayed until 5 O'clock & then came down to bed. Both
patients are been employed in scraping down the Mast & Slushing
Evening. very pleasant & moderate. At Sunset we took in Sail.
At 8 O'clock P.M. my first watch, I stayed until 10 then called the
this watch then went below & retired. So Ends This Day.

At Sea Thursday Oct 15th 1857 3
Thursday Morning. My water was called at 4 O'clock A.M. At 6
went a left & stayed a while & then came down and breakfasted.
This Day opens with fine & pleasant weather & very moderate. After
breakfast I cleaned my spracks. There is several Whales in sight
day. At 8 O'clock my water below, I came below and wrote
a little in my Journal, I then commenced writing a
letter to Mr. S. Kilbourn. Afternoon very pleasant; after
noon I went a left, while a left I saw a Swallow on the
water. The left hand away the Larboard Boat and
at anchor and hauled him and but it bore. I saw
a small School of Porpoises. After I came from a left
went to work and stowed the Sails down in the Fore
hold. (that we had on Deck to dry) At 4 O'clock P.M. Mr. Tree
on short on Sea here. At 5 O'clock P.M. we took Tea. While
was at Tea. The Steward let the brown Bucket and bread
brought a way the West Boat & went out and picked it up.
Evening. At Sunset we took in the mainsail Soft Top &
Flying Gibb. I then took the Violin on Deck and we sang
till 8 O'clock & then went below & retired. So Ends This Day.

On Board Scho. Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Friday Oct 16th A.D. 1857

Friday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 o'clock A.M. This Day commences with fine weather. We have a moderate breeze from the S.W. The Brig Schooner is in sight. After breakfast we made sail. I then wrote a letter in my journal. At 8 o'clock A.M. I went on deck. At 8³⁰ o'clock Mr Freeman gave the alarm of Fire the Blues. we ran off to the Larboard and heard them at last we concluded that they were Fire Boats. I stopped on deck until 10 o'clock then came down. So Day we had Lutter for dinner. we found it to be very good. Afternoon very pleasant. Our watch below. I finished Mr S. Kelburn's Letter this afternoon. After I finished writing I retired for a while. The Sound is quite a line with Grampuses & Porpoises. At 4 o'clock P.M. I went on deck. I stopped until 5 then came down & took tea. Evening very pleasant. At sunset we took in sail. After we had shortened sail I took the violin on deck and we sang until 8 o'clock. At 8 my first watch. I started until 10 then called the other watch and went below & retired. So Ends These Twenty Four Hours.

At Sea Saturday Oct 17th A.D. 1857

Saturday morning my watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. I started until 6 then called the other watch. At 6 o'clock I went on deck. Day commences with moderate weather. The Sky is overcast & cloudy. At 7 A.M. I came down from a light and breakfasted. At 8 A.M. our watch below. I came below and wrote a letter in my journal. I then commenced writing a letter to Robert Nickerson. I wrote a while & then retired. At 12 o'clock P.M. I went on deck & saw a school of Porpoises. Afternoon our watch on deck. I went on deck at 12 o'clock and stopped until 2 o'clock P.M. This afternoon our watch is busily employed on the Rigging. After I came from a light. I went to work on the Jib Stay. We have had beautiful weather today. At 4 o'clock called the watch. At 5 P.M. we took tea. Evening. There was a large school of Porpoises come along by this evening. Mr Freeman hunted a way the wind but & chased them a while. but did not succeed in getting any. At sunset we took in sail. very pleasant this evening. At 8 o'clock I went below and retired until my watch. So Ends These Twenty Four Hours.

On Board Sh^{ps} Vassar H. Hill

At Sea Sunday Oct 18th A.D. 1857
Friday morning. This Day commences with a very moderate breeze from the South West - very pleasant. At 6th O'clock A.M. rose and breakfasted. Our watch on deck this forenoon. I employed most of this watch in burning some Old Papers (Boston Journals) that I brought from Home. I looking them over I found 3rd Adventures of Capt Richs Among the Arabs. I cut it out of the paper pasted in the cover of my Journal, (where it now is) Afternoon Our Watch below. I am below & write up my Journal. We are running our course to the S. E. At 4 O'clock P.M. we see the Sumus Coast of Africa. At 5 O'clock P.M. we anchor and stand over towards the Canaries. This Day has passed as we have passed a great many Sabbaths, & I suppose we shall as a great many more the same way. The guests of this Day has been devoted to reading & helping &c. At 5 O'clock we took Tea. Evening the Ben I wrote a little in my Journal. At 8 O'clock P.M. retired till my watch. So Ends this Sabbath Day with fine weather.

At Sea Monday Oct 19th A.D. 1857
Friday morning my Watch was called at 5 O'clock A.M. I went down & washed down Deck. At 6 A.M. we took breakfast. This Day commences with Fresh Breeze. At 8 O'clock I came down from Loft. At 8 O'clock A.M. Our Watch below. I write a while in my Journal. After I had finished writing up my Journal I went to work and finished Ruben Nickerson's Letters. I have quite a Mail to send the first of the week, I have one Letter to my wife, one for F.C. Miller, one for Miss Baptists & Pettes, one for Samuel Cook 3rd, one for Ruben Nickerson & one for W. Emory (Editor of Banner). Afternoon Our watch on deck. The wind is blowing quite a fresh breeze from S.W. At 2 O'clock P.M. my Loft. I went up and stayed until 4 O'clock. At 5 O'clock P.M. we took Tea. After Tea I wrote a little in my Journal. Evening. quite a fresh breeze. At Sunset we took in Mainsail & Flying Jib. Our watch on deck till 8 O'clock. At 8 O'clock P.M. went below and retired till my watch. So Ends this Days Transaction. The wind from S.W. blowing quite a fresh Breeze.

On Board Scho. Barrum H. Hill

At Sea Tuesday Oct 20th A.D. 1857

Tuesday morning. It is my Birth Day I am 25 years of age to day. I think that I am getting to be quite an old man, This is the longest distance from Home that I ever had a birth Day. we are off the Canary Islands. This day commences with a moderate breeze but the sky is overcast and cloudy. After breakfast we hoisted the Mainsail, Gibb. & Gaff Topsail. After we had made Sail I came below and wrote a little in my Journal. At 8 o'clock A.M. Our watch on Deck. At 10 A.M. I went a Lt. It is here very squally the first part of these Sooty Terns. I got a good drubbing while I was a Lt. At 12 o'clock I came down from a Lt. & changed my clothes. Afternoon our watch below. I read a while & then retired. At 4 o'clock our watch on Deck. At 5 o'clock I went a Lt. and stayed until sunset; Evening. At sunset we shortened Sail. At 8 o'clock I went below & retired until my watch. My watch at 10 o'clock. We have it very chilly at night. It was so cool this evening that I got out my New Russian Furk & put it on & my Keefing Jacket on over that. I stood until 12 then called the other watch. So Ends this Day.

At Sea Wednesday Oct 21st A.D.

Wednesday morning my watch was called at 5 o'clock. I went on Deck & worked off. After I finished working off Deck's we hoisted the Mainsail & Flying Gibb & then went below to breakfast. We are running our course to the Eastward. After breakfast I went a Lt. I saw several Grampias. While I was a Lt. our watch was employed in getting up the Small Chain & bending to the Anchor. So I expect that we are going to find Anchorage soon. After I came from a Lt. I wrote a while in my Journal. Our watch below this forenoon. Afternoon. At 12 o'clock A.M.



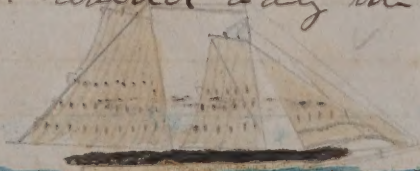
King Island ran down to a point. Our Capt. sent an boat of Men & the Point & small came on board of us. We ran down on the N.W. Coast of it at 3 P.M. the boat came to an Anchor. Evening After the boat came on board & at 8 o'clock P.M. our Capt. came on board. So Ends the Day.

On Board Sch^g Vassar H. Hill

To Anchor On The North West-Coast of Africa
Oct-Thursday Morning 22nd Oct. 1857.
Thursday morning rose and breakfasted at 6³⁰ clock.
The School boys a short distance from us at Anchor.
After breakfast we moved all the windlass and
commenced operation of getting our Anchor. We had a
new soft-wood Handspikes & half a Patent to work with.
This three hours heavy heaving we succeeded in getting it
on bottom. Capt. Miles came a long side at 8 A.M. & found
that we were getting underway, sent a board of his vessel & com-
menced the same operation, but he had not time but
short distance ahead, before his Chain parted & he lost
his Anchor. At 9 O'clock he came a long & spoke us & said
that he would bid us & the Coast of Africa & Good Bye,
he filled a way & away he went to the N.W. So I expect
it is the last time that we shall be in company with the King
School for this season. At 9 O'clock A.M. The Capt. lowered



away the Starboard Boat & left the vessel to go on an
exploring expedition. We ran in quite handy & then layed to.
At 10 O'clock A.M. Mr Freeman took the waist Boat & his gun
the same Expedition. To see if they can find a Bay or
entrance where Whales can lodge in. At 11 O'clock both
boats came on board. They found an entrance but dare not enter.
The Rowers are running very High. At 12 O'clock we took dinner.
Afternoon At 1 O'clock P.M. we ran down & spoke the Sch^g Watchman
Nantuxet. The Capt. lowered away the Starboard Boat & went



Board of ship at 3 O.P.M. The Capt. came on board. We kept
Sail on & stood to the N.W. At 8 O'clock we had
retired until my watch. So Ends To Day.

On Board Sch^y Cassin H. Hill

At Sea Friday Oct-23rd 1857.

Sunday morning, I was called at 6 o'clock A.M. I went up and washed off decks & then went breakfast. This day commences with fine weather. We are now from Ham five months to day. After breakfast I went a Lift and stayed until 8 o'clock. Our watch below this morning. After I came down from a Lift I went a while in my Journal, After I had finished writing I retired for a while. Afternoon our watch on Deck went to work repairing the Patent to the Windlass. quite pleasant this afternoon until 6 o'clock we had a very heavy Rain Showers. And all over again in 20 minutes. At 2 o'clock P.M. I went a Lift. saw one Fin Back Whale close by us a sporting. At 3 o'clock there were two Dromedaries & played a large side of us, Mr Hopkins fired a Ball at one of them but did not succeed in shooting him. At 4 o'clock P.M. I came down from a Lift. At 5 o'clock we took Tea. Evening we ran under full Sail. At 8 o'clock P.M. I went below and retired until my watch. So Ends This Day's Transactions

At Sea Saturday Oct-24th A.D. 1857

Saturday morning my watch was called at 2 o'clock A.M. At had been very much at during the night. At 3 o'clock A.M. There was a very heavy Squall accompanied with heavy Rain Showers. At 4 o'clock we ran on Haws & then very good weather again. I stood until 4 o'clock & then called the other watch & went below & retired until breakfast was ready. This day commences with moderate breeze from N.W. but looks very Squally & heavy. At 8 o'clock our watch on Deck. At 10 o'clock A.M. I went a Lift and stayed until 12 o'clock. Afternoon our watch below we had a very fine Rain Showers this afternoon. The Starboard watch finished repairing the Patent to the Windlass & fixed the same to the Windlass this afternoon. At 4 o'clock P.M. our watch on Deck At 4 o'clock we took Tea Evening At 5 o'clock I went a Lift and stayed until Sunset. After we had shortened Sail. I took the Violin on Deck & we enjoyed ourselves a short time with some Vocal & Instrumental Music. Very pleasant & moderate this Evening. At 8 o'clock I went below & retired

On Board Scho. Barrum H. Hill

At Sea Sunday Oct 25th 1857
Sunday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 o'clock. A.M.
his day commences with fine & pleasant weather, with
moderate breeze from the S.W. After breakfast. Josiah
B. Freeman, Joe & myself, commenced the appropriate
slaughtering live duck (called Red Ducks). We took
all our Red & bedding on deck & commenced to kill;
dare not say how many; for fear I should not say
enough. But we ^{are} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~are~~ a but all this forenoon. I think
rather from policy to kill that Ham on the Sabbath.
I am here to do it as they will be crying us a
duck & bedding us overboard, if we do not keep a look
out for them. At 12 o'clock we finished slaughtering & then
went below to dinner. Afternoon. After dinner. One of the
boys foreward had got to work a fighting, the Capt
sight of them and called them aft and the
others & put them in Irons. Their names were
Stephen Merrill & Dublin. He sent Merrill down
the aft's Hold & put Dublin down under the
Rebber Plank. Dublin has been in Irons three times
on this voyage. He is a full blooded Irishman &
believes that is a but all he thinks a but is a
fighting; if he can get any body to fight with him.
Merrill seemed to feel very bad when the Capt put him
in Irons. He said that was the first time that he
had ever had an opposition on his person of that
description. After our bedding had been on deck a
while, we went down & swept our Berths & scraped up
all the cracks. We then put in our Bed clothes, & I am
in hopes to have one Night's Rest; if no more. After
had prepared my Berth I wrote a little in
my Journal, at 5 o'clock P.M. we took Tea. Evening.
The 3 men are all set up in the Stern Boat and
the end of Ham. This has been a very pleasant day, but
have improved the greater part of it in Bed Bug
killing. At 8 o'clock P.M. went below & retired with
my watch. So Ends this Days Transaction for the
Sabbath. I am in hopes to morrow will be as pleasant as today.

3 On Board Sch^y Warrum H. Hill. 3

At Sea Monday October 26th 1858.
Monday morning rose and breakfasted at 6³⁰ clock A.M. After breakfast I went to work and cleaned my specks. This day opens with fine & pleasant weather from the South west. At 8 clock A.M. I went a drift & stayed until 10 clock. After I came from a drift I went to work on the Hammers. At 11⁰ clock A.M. there was a school of Porpoises came under our bow. Mr Hopkins fastened on, but we did not get him. The Brig Eskel is in sight. There is also a mthos Sch^y to the Seward. Afternoon our watch begun. I read a while and then retired. At 3⁰ clock P.M. The Brig Eskel & the Sch^y were standing towards us. we ran off a while & then came in & layed with the gill sheets to the windward. And as she neared us we found it to be the Sch^y Rienzi. Capt. Whillison of Providence. He came a long & spoke us & said

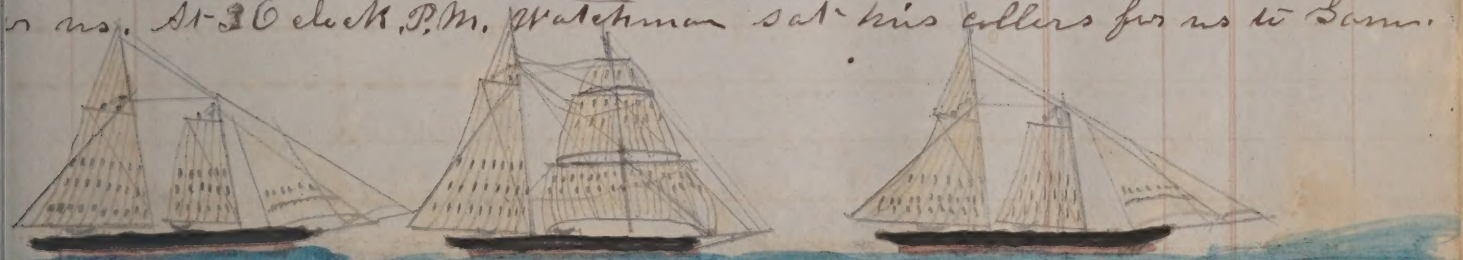


that he had letters a board for us. Our Capt. turned a way his boat & went a board. Capt. Whillison was also on board. Mr Sadfey came a board of us, Mr Canfield being a board of the Rienzi also came with him. I was very glad to see Mr Sadfey. He brought me your letters, one from my wife and one from Robert D. Boylston Esq. I was very glad to receive them. Mr Rich & King were on board the Brig Eskel so I did not see them. I should have been very happy to have seen them. I was so anxious to read my letters, that I did not eat any supper, I found that they were all well. Home. The Capt. received our letters. Mr Freeman one, Joseph Francis two, Josiah Wharf two, and myself two. They stayed on board of us until 10 clock & then they went a board of the Rienzi. I felt very bad to have them go, as it seemed like Home to have them a board. After the Capt. came a board we took in sail. My first watch. I stayed until 10 clock & then called the other watch & retired. So ends this day.

On Board Scho. Varnum. H. Hill. 5

At Sea Tuesday Oct 27th 1857

Tuesday morning my watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. I stood until 6 then called the other watch and out-a-
left. Saw one brig in sight: think it was the Lewis Bruce
as she is a but-Hew. She is clean, the Kiengi has 25 Bbls
of Lard, the Kiengi is not in sight this morning. I am
in hopes that we shall see the Lewis Bruce in course of
the day, as I expect we shall have some more letters
a board of her. At 8 o'clock our watch below. I wrote a
little in my journal and then commenced reading my
papers. Afternoon very pleasant. Our watch on Deck after
inner I went a left and stayed until 2 o'clock. The Eskel
Scho Watchman are running a long after us. After I came
on a left. I went to work and filled 4 Bbls with Black Fish Oil,
as the Eskel. She is a going to try to purchase an anchor at Sunday
while we are sanding off from the Brig & Watchman are running
us. At 3 o'clock P.M. Watchman sat his collers for us to come.



I ran down & speak the Eskel & Capt. Hurry was a board of her.
He said that he had got the mail from the Brig Lewis Bruce &
wanted the Capt to come a board & get his letters. The Eskel's Boat
on a long side & took the 4 Bbls of Oil that we had ready for them. Mr
Caulfield came in the Boat. After they had taken in the Oil. Our Capt
went into the Boat & went a board of the Eskel. Mr Caulfield stayed
a board of us. Evening at 7 o'clock P.M. Our Capt arrived on board
with the mail. I received one letter from my Wife & one from
Mr S. Kilburn. I was very glad to receive them too. Mr Freeman received
one letter. Josiah Wharf saw Joseph Francis on & the Capt several.
After we had received our letters we were all employed in
reading them until 8 o'clock P.M. After our Capt came on board
Mr Caulfield took the Boat & went on board of the Eskel. The
Lewis Bruce had gone down to the Leonard Islands. At 8 o'clock
retired well pleased with the mail that I had received. So ends
his 2nd days transaction with good weather & no whales.

3 On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Wednesday Oct 28th 1857 3

Wednesday morning run and breakfast at 6^o clock A.M. This day opened with moderate weather and quite pleasant. After breakfast we hoisted the Mainsail & Left 20 fathoms. After we had made sail I came below & wrote a little in my Journal. At 8 o'clock A.M. I went a-Deck; I stayed until 10 o'clock then came down. The Brig Eschel is in sight of us. Afternoon Our Watch below, I read a while and then retired at 3 o'clock A.M. There was a large School of Porpoises came under our bow.

Mr Freeman fastened one and saved him. It has been some time since we have taken any before. At 4 o'clock P.M. went a-Deck & stayed a while & then came down and took Tea. Evening At Sunset we took in the Mainsail & singlet Reefed the Foresail. Our Watch below until 8 o'clock. I came below & wrote a little in my Journal. My first Watch. I stood until 10 o'clock then called the other Watch and went below and retired. So Ends to day.

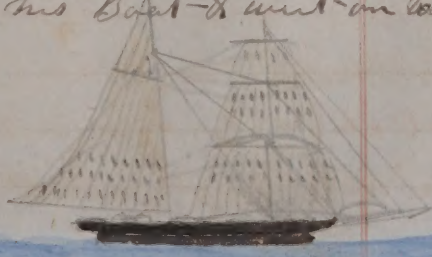
3 At Sea Thursday Oct 29th 1857 3

Thursday morning my watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. I called the other watch at 6 o'clock and then went a-Deck. At 6 o'clock I came down & took breakfast. This day commences with a cloudy sky. At 8 o'clock A.M. my watch I had several heavy Rain Showers with Thunder & Lightning. At 8 o'clock A.M. Our Watch below I improved a portion of this Watch in perusing our my Letters & Papers. Afternoon Rather more pleasant. The sky is overcast & cloudy. After dinner my first-Deck; I went a-Deck & stayed until 2 o'clock. After I came down from a-Deck I went to work & made a Bottle to call the Watch with. This afternoon we are off the Grand Canary we run in quite near a gun called Palma I think it was a very fine place. At 4 o'clock P.M. we are close into the Land, and had it made out. At 5 o'clock we had a heavy Squall from the North East. Rain Showers. We doubled Reefed our Foresail & took the Boom off the fore-mast. My Watch was called at 12 o'clock. I had numerous Rain Showers accompanied with Thunder & Lightning. At times it was moderate and then a gale it would be blowing very fresh. I stood until 2 o'clock and then called the other watch and went below and retired. So Ends This Days Transaction with Squally weather.

On Board *Sho. Cassin* H. Hill

At Sea Friday Oct-30th 1857
Friday morning we and breakfasted at 6^o clock. This day commences with fresh breezes from the North East. We are laying up & down the Island under double Reefed Fore & Main sail. It blows a strong breeze at times. After breakfast the Laible lowered away. I wrote a little in my Journal. At 8 o'clock A.M. our watch on Deck. At 8 o'clock I sent a Loft-haul until 10. This morning we are close in under the land & had it very moderate. It was blowing a very fresh breeze off shore. Afternoon our watch below. I read a while then retired. At 3 o'clock P.M. it was blowing a strong breeze from the N.E. At 3^o 1/2 o'clock the watch doubled Reefed the Fore sail. At 4 o'clock P.M. our watch on Deck. did not haul up any Loft as it was blowing a strong Gale. At 5 o'clock P.M. a trawl 2m. Our watch below until 8 o'clock I came below and read News Papers. At 8 o'clock my first watch. The wind blowing very fresh, but the Moon shines brightly. I stood until 10 o'clock & called the watch & went below & retired. So Ends 2d day.

At Sea Saturday Oct-31st 1857
Saturday morning my watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. Wind rather moderate. At 6 I called the other watch & then went a Loft. After our dinner from a Loft I took breakfast. After breakfast we took the Reefs out of the Fore sail & hoisted the Bysail. At 8 o'clock P.M. our watch below. I came below & wrote a little in my Journal. This morning the Peak of Genesippe was in sight. It is the highest Mountain that I ever saw. Afternoon quite pleasant. Our watch on Deck. After dinner I sent a Loft and hauled until 2 o'clock. We have it very moderate this afternoon. At 2 Mr. Freeman lowered away his Boat & went on board Brig Lewis Bruce.



Princeton. She is commanded by Capt Isaac Shikman. After 3m I wrote a little in my Journal. At 7 o'clock our Boat came a board & took her up on the Cranes. Mr Freeman did not get much of a haul. At 8 o'clock retired until my watch. So Ends 2d day.

On Board Scho'r Vassar H. Hill

At Sea Sunday Nov 1st. A.D. 1857

And still the Big Wheel of Time is ever revolving, the months are passing away rapidly. Time & Tide waits for no man. The wheel is ever in motion, "Wheels are on wheels". To Day commences with fine and pleasant weather. It is been as pleasant to day as we had in the month of August. Our watch on deck this forenoon I improved this watch in reading my News Papers & letters. At 12 O'clock, A.M. we took dinner. Afternoon very pleasant & moderate. After dinner I retired for a while. At 4 O'clock, P.M. Our watch on deck. I went on deck and stayed a while. At 5 O'clock, P.M. we took Tea. Evening After Tea went on deck & read a while. The Peak of Teneriffe is been visible a greater part of the day. At Sunset I took the Violin on deck & we played & sang a new Psalm. At 8 O'clock, P.M. we went below, I wrote a little in my Journal. After I had finished writing I retired under my watch. My 2^d watch I stood until 12 O'clock & then called the other watch & went below & retired. So Ends 2nd day.

At Sea Monday Nov 2nd. A.D. 1857

Monday morning morning my watch was called at 6 O'clock, A.M. I went on deck and washed off. This day commences with quite a moderate breeze from the S.W. After breakfast we hoisted the Mainsail & Staff Topsail & stood out towards Teneriffe. The Sky is overcast & cloudy. I think there will be a strong breeze before night. Our watch below this forenoon, I went below & read a while & then retired. Afternoon Our watch on Deck. Wind blowing very fresh breeze. At one O'clock we took in the Flying jib. Wind still a breeze. At 2 O'clock we took in the Mainsail & furlled it. At 2 O'clock, P.M. I went aloft & she was diving & rolling so bad that we landed a bag at 3 P.M. At 5³⁰ O'clock we took Tea, Evening. At Sunset I took the Violin on deck and we sang & played a few Pieces. After I had finished playing. There was one Marshall (foreward) wished to look at the Violin, we did not think he could play but I found that he was quite a Fiddler. He played a few dancing tunes & fash & myself amused ourselves in exercising our legs for a while. We danced until 8 O'clock & then went below and retired. So Ends this Day's Transactions.

3 On Board Scho. Varnum H. Hill 3

At Sea Tuesday Nov 3^d 1858
Tuesday morning we breakfasted at 6^o clock A.M. This day commences with strong breeze from the North East. After breakfast we set the Drysail. This morning at Sunrise we could see Emerald Point very plain. After breakfast I wrote a little in my Journal. At 8^o clock A.M. Our watch on Deck. Wind blowing very fresh. The first Loft went up and stayed until 9^o clock. The wind was blowing so fresh they landed me at 9^o clock. At 10^o A.M. I sent a Loft. We are running out to the Grand Cannary. I stayed until 12^o clock then came down and took dinner. Afternoon our watch below. I went to work & mended my jacket. The other watch are to work getting up the Sheet-Chain. At 2^o clock P.M. we came to an anchor off Grand Cannary. After we called our sails we got some water casks on board to carry a skin to fill with. After Sun. The Weather Boat took the casks in tow. They were lifting to the demand very fast, so the tide was running very strong. We landed by the Starboard Boat & went out & rendered them assistance. After we had in the boat a skin in both came a board & took up the boats. Evening we had a little dancing. At 8^o clock retired until my watch. So Ends 2^d day.

At Anchor Off Grand Cannary Nov 4th 1858
Wednesday morning my watch was called at 6^o clock A.M. I went up and washed down decks & then we breakfasted. After breakfast, the Weather Boat went a skin with the Starboard watch to fill water. A watch stayed a board & rigged the purchases for taking in water. At 12^o clock they came a board & took dinner. They had succeeded very well in getting water. All the water they had called for was 3 or small casks. After dinner they went a skin again. We put out a skin with them, but did not stop long. The Starboard Boat went & put him a board at 2^o clock. Mr. Linnel then took the Boat out around the Point where they were filling water. To assist during the water a board. At 4^o clock the Starboard Boat came a board with 4 casks of water. Evening the Starboard watch went a skin I sent them & carried the violin. We had a most beautiful time. We and danced three different dances. The Spanish seemed to enjoy our company very much & shed no very kindly. We danced until 12^o clock & then we started to come a board found that two men was missing. McCasby & Jimmy Ryan. I expect they were gone away. After we came a board I wrote up my Journal. We arrived at 1^o clock. My watch from 2 till 4 clock. So Ends 2^d day Transactions.

3 On Board Ship Paragon H. Hill 3

At Anchoa Off Grand Canaries Thursday Nov 5th 1857 3
Thursday morning I retired at 4 o'clock & slept until 6 o'clock A.M.
We were having so good a time last evening that we did not think
much a last sleep. We went ashore at 6 o'clock last evening, we went
to an House & stayed a while, they received us very kindly & all seemed
to be much pleased. We stayed there until all the neighbors came in
from a round & when they arrived they (Spaniards) resorted as with a torch
Light-Procession to a building a half 4 miles distant. They seemed to
be very neat & had their House. After we had seated ourselves I played
several times on the violin, they boys danced & they all seemed very much
pleased. After I had played several pieces, they played on the Guitars
& the Ladies & Gentlemen took an active part & danced a Flamenco. After
we had danced to our House a while, we went a half a mile to a mother
House, they were all ready for us, we met with a good Reception. After
they finished a dance, we then went to go on, we all enjoyed our selves
very pleasantly. We sang them several songs, Joseph sang them the
famous Bob's Riddle. It seemed to amuse them very much. They called
for it repeatedly it made great Laughter among them. We danced until
12 o'clock & then bid them a good Night & left. We saw a herd of
of our men Macarty & Pican. I suppose they have seen a way. They were
both with us at the dance a half a year before we left, but enough
for the present. At 6 o'clock A.M. rose and breakfasted. After breakfast
the main Boat crew went ashore the Capt. went with them. We
rolled the Casks of water down to the shore & then came a round. Mr
Bremen took his gun ashore with him but did not see much game
except 3 wild Pigeons. At 12 o'clock they came aboard & took dinner. After
they stowed water ashore & turned off the Casks of water.
We ran off the water into the other Casks. At 5 o'clock we took
Tea. Evening the Larboard Watch went ashore. Mr Hepkins
went with us. Joseph Brown went with us to be our Interpreter. We went
to the Old Man's & got his Family & then went a long & got the rest of
the neighbors & met at the same House that we were in last evening.
I carried my Fiddle & we had some dancing & singing & also saw
them the gun as one of their favorite Pandemonia's. We had a very pleasant
time, we danced until 11 o'clock & then bid them a Good Night & bade
we heard from the two boys that ran away last night. They were 20
miles in front of the Mountains. After we came aboard we took up the
Boat & went below and retired. So Ends 3rd Days Bronsachin.

On Board Scho. Barkman H. Hill 3

At Anchor Off Grand Cannary is Friday Nov 6th 1858
Friday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. This day
commenced with very fine weather & moderate. At 8 O'clock A.M. the
Capt. took the Lifeboard Boat Crew & went a shore, He tried to purchase
some wood but the charge is so high a price he did not get any. At 12 O'clock they came
board & took dinner. Afternoon very moderate & pleasant. There is sunset visible
sight off shore. After dinner Mr Freeman took the Waist Boat and rowed
to one of them. At 3 O'clock P.M. they went a board & found it to be the
Mrs W^m (Master of Provincetown) (Capt. Morten) she has been out



for 12 months and has 370 Bbls of Oil. Mr Freeman said that
he had a good time & it made him feel some what Home sick
to be a board of them. Capt Morten has his wife & child with
him. Mr Freeman said it seemed very pleasant to hear Mrs Morten
as it is the only Yankee Lady that he has heard speak for nearly
a month. This afternoon there is nothing of any importance been
going on. The Capt & Mrs Linnell are passing away the afternoon in
playing Checkers. I have been helping for Francis to make a fish
in. At 5 O'clock we took tea. Evening very pleasant & moderate.
The Capt, Mrs Hepkins, Linnell & myself improved
portion of this evening in playing cards. The Capt & myself
were side & Mrs Hepkins & Linnell the other. There was not
much difference in our playing. we kept a long a but the same
a while. By & by we took a start & got a head of them & then
they could not do any thing with us. We played under the Waist
boat came a board & then we finished for this Evening. We
in our Sams a head of them when we quit playing. At 10 min
to past 8 O'clock P.M. the Waist Boat had arrived, took her up on
the Crains. Mr Freeman said that the W^m Morten is a going
run down here if she can get wind enough to bring her
over, so I am in hopes to have an opportunity to see Mrs
Morten. At 8 O'clock P.M. retired. So Ends this Days Transaction.

On Board. Sch^r Nassau H. Hill 3

At Anchor Off Canal Cannary Saturday Nov 7th 1857.
Friday morning my watch was called at 20 clock A.M. I stood under
40 clock, then called the watch and went below & retired. At 60 clock A.M. I
and breakfasted. This Day commenced with fine weather but my moderate
After breakfast we manœuvred the Windlass & out to work & soon after
we anchored & stood off towards the Sch^r Wm^m Martin. There was a
rather Schunners near by the Martin & we found it to be the
Sch^r Waterman Capt. Huzzey. At 10 O'clock A.M. I went a-Deck & stayed
until 12 O'clock. Then I came down & took dinner. Afternoon very
pleasant. After dinner we hauled away the Starboard Beat & I went and
carried the Capt. a board of the Wm^m Martin. I went a-Board & see Mr
Martin & stayed a few minutes. I copied three letters a-Board for Her.
After I had finished my visit I took the Boat & came a-Board. The
Capt. of the Sch^r Waterman was a-Board of the Martin. After I came
a-Board I retired for a while as it was my watch below. At 4 O'clock
our watch was on deck. After 2m I went a-Deck; The Berg N. S. Chase
(Capt. Richards) Sch^r Waterman (Capt. Huzzey) Sch^r Wm^m Martin Capt. Pratt
and Sch^r Nassau H. Hill (Capt. Freeman) are laying a short distance



from each other. At 5 O'clock Capt. Richards hauled away his Boat & went
a-Board of the Sch^r Wm^m Martin. So all the Captains are together
a-Board of the Martin. The Mate of the Sch^r Wm^m Martin (Mr. Stoddard)
was a-Board of the Sch^r Waterman. At 5³⁰ O'clock he came a-Board of
he stayed a short time & then we hauled away the Starboard Beat
& Mr. Freeman & Josiah went on board of the Martin after the Capt. Josiah
got some books from them & put them a-Board. At 7³⁰ O'clock our Boat came
a-Board & also Capt. Richards' Boat of the Berg N. S. Chase & Capt.
Huzzey's Boat of the Sch^r Waterman. Capt. Richards came to get some
letters & papers that we had taken out of the Sch^r Kienzi for them.
When Richards came a-Board with Capt. Richards, I was very glad to see him.
Capt. Richards has his wife & 2m children with him. At 9 O'clock they
all went a-Board of their own vessels. I then went up my Journal & then
it was my watch on deck. I stood until 12 O'clock & then went below & retired.

On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill

Off Grand Cammays Sunday Nov 8th 1857
Sunday morning rose and breakfasted at 6³⁰ clock A.M. This
day commences with very fine weather but very moderate. Our
watch on deck untill 8 clock. At 8 clock A.M. I went below & retired
at 11³⁰ clock A.M. rose & took dinner. Afternoon very pleasant
calm. After dinner I took my chest & clothes bag on deck
& aired all my clothes. At 3 clock P.M. I put my clothes
back and carried them below. I then devoted the rest of
this day in reading. We have had a most beautiful day at
sea and I think has been so pleasant as we are at Home. This Sabbath
has passed as we pass a great many. In Reading Sleeping & etc.
at 5³⁰ clock P.M. we took tea. Evening after tea I took the violin
on deck & Sarah & myself sang & played Psalms untill 8 clock
at 8 clock P.M. I went below & retired untill my watch. I was
called at 12 clock I had it calm during my watch. I stood untill
1 clock then called the watch & went below & retired. So Ends This Day.

Off Grand Cammays Monday Nov 9th 1857.
Monday morning rose and breakfasted at 6³⁰ clock A.M. This
day commences with fine and pleasant weather. After breakfast
I hoisted the mainsail & stood our towards Benriff. After
hoisting the mainsail I wrote a little in my journal. At 8 clock
A.M. I and a left & stopped untill 10 clock & then came down & went to
work & repaired the Jeff Topsail. Afternoon at 2 clock P.M. we spoke



Big School. The Waterman was in company with his Capt. Hussy
& a board the Brig. They lowered away the boat & Capt. Miller & Capt.
Hussy came a board of us & spent the afternoon. At 5 clock took
tea. Evening the Capt's were all to work & playing Checkers.
I took the violin on deck & we had some singing & dancing. At 8 clock
Sylvan came a board of us & got both Capt's & a board of the School.
As they left we took in the mainsail. My first watch I stood untill
1 clock & then went below & retired. So Ends This Day's Transaction.

On Board Scho'r Barnum H. Hill

Off Santa Cruz (Zemiffen) Tuesday Nov 10th 1852
Tuesday morning my watch was called at 4 o'clock. At 6 I put
a Light & stayed until breakfast time. We are running in towards
the Port of Santa Cruz. At 11 o'clock A.M. we came to an anchor
in the Port of Santa Cruz. The Brig Eschel is lying off
us. After dinner the Capt took the Starboard Boat & sent a shore
we went to work & rigged up our purchases to take the water aboard.
At 2 o'clock the Boat came off to bring our water. When she came
a long side to the "bulld" who should be in the Boat; but the
3 men that ran ran away from us at the Grand Cannery's
Rian & McLarty; Jimmy Rian was drunk as a fool. The Boat put
off 13 casks of water the first time. we hooked on & took them
in & ran the water down under deck. At 5 o'clock the Boat
came off & put our recruits, Potatoes, Onions, &c. The Boat put
off 25 casks of water, we took it all a board & then went below &
took tea. After tea we cleaned up decks & at 8 o'clock went below &
retired until my watch. So Ends these Twenty Four Hours.

At Anchor at Santa Cruz Wednesday Nov 11th 1852.

Wednesday morning went to breakfast. After breakfast I supervised
in the following letters to send at Provincetown. viz one for my
Wife, Lemuel Cook & Co. Baptists & Pettis. Wm. S. Kilburn, Robert
Nickerson. F. C. Miller & J. W. Emery Editors of Banner. After breakfast
the Capt sent a shore & carried all our letters. We went to work & ran
down what water we had on deck. I should like to go a shore &
see the place, but I find that we are not a going to have any
liberty. At 3 o'clock P.M. we had a Lighter Loaded with wood and
a long side, we went to work & discharged her. It consisted of old
muck knees, beams, plank &c. Cord wood was my leader in the
ports. It is worth from \$30.34 to \$40 per cord. The Capt paid 20 cts per
hundred lbs for this muck wood. After we got the wood on deck
the Barnum looked like a sun East Coast. At 5 o'clock
Capt came a board. we then got under way, we had it very moderate.
After tea, we hoisted away all 3 boats & commenced
rowing our oars. We sailed until 9 o'clock. At 9 there was a
little breeze from the North. we came a board & took up the Boat
my first watch. I stood until 10 o'clock & then went below & retired.
I suppose the next time our anchor goes aboard it will be
at Centra Bay (West Coast of Africa). So Ends this Day.

On Board Sbr Parmun H. Hill

At Sea Thursday Nov 12th 1857.
Thursday morning my watch was called at 4 O'clock, A.M. At
O'clock I went a-Loft a while & then came down & took breakfast.
This day commences with fine weather, we have a moderate breeze
from the N.W. After breakfast I cleaned my specks, then I
came below & wrote up my Journal, Our watch below this
morning, after I had finished writing I retired for a while.
The Starboard watch went to work sawing the truck wood. Afternoon
watch on Deck. After dinner I went a-Loft. At 1 O'clock, P.M.,
saw a drift-log a head, we hauled away the Starboard Boat
out and picked it up & found it a long stick. There were some
splinters playing around it. The Capt. caught one of them.
At 2 O'clock, P.M. I came down from a-Loft & sawed truck wood
till 4, P.M. At 5 O'clock we took tea. After tea I came below
and wrote a little in my Journal, I expect that we are
now bound direct to Cintra Bay West Coast of Africa. We
have had fine weather during this twenty four hours. Our watch
on Deck until 8. At 8 O'clock went below & retired. So Ends This Day

At Sea Friday Nov 13th A.D. 1857
Friday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M. This
day commences with fine weather & a moderate breeze from
the N.W. we ran our course during the night S.W. by S. under full
sail, we are bound down to the Coast. After breakfast I wrote a
little in my Journal. At 8 O'clock, A.M. I went a-Loft. I stopped until
10 O'clock. After I came down from a-Loft I went to work sawing
truck wood. At 12 O'clock we had it about all sawed. The other
watch will finish it this afternoon. Afternoon Our watch
below. After dinner I retired & had a Nap. At 4 O'clock, P.M. Our
watch on Deck, I went a-Loft. While I was going up the Rigging
a Freeman hauled a way his Boat & went out to catch a
large Turtle, he did not succeed in getting him. At 5 O'clock
I came down & took tea. At Sunset we took in Sail & hove
up. After we had shortened Sail I came below & Journalized
a while. This Day has been very pleasant with a moderate
breeze from the N.W. At 8 O'clock, P.M. my first watch I
went until 10 O'clock. I then called the other watch &
I came below & retired. So Ends This Day with fine weather.

On Board Ship Vassar H. Hill

At Sea Saturday Nov 14th. A.D. 1851

Saturday morning my watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M., at 6 O'clock I called the watch & then went a Light, and stopped 10 O'clock then came down & breakfasted. This Day commences with fine weather but very moderate. At 8 O'clock A.M. we hoisted the mainsail & Gaff Tops. After we had made sail I came below & wrote a little in my Journal, Our watch below this forenoon. Afternoon very pleasant & moderate. After dinner I went a Light and stopped until 2 O'clock P.M. At 3 O'clock P.M. we saw a large Turtle a short distance off. Lowered a way the Larboard Boat & went out to him the Gun at him, his Shell was so hard the Gun did not go into it. After the Boat came a board we took her up on the Crains. After I came down from a Light went to work at Ships Duty. At 15 minutes of 4 O'clock saw a rather large Turtle. The Capt Lowered a way the Waist Boat & went out to try his Skill, he went at him but the Gun did not go through his Shell. So he was a rowing a board I saw an object on the Water that looked like a Turtle, Mr Freeman took the Glass & looked at it & found it to be a large School of Blackfish. The



Capt did not come a board with the Waist Boat but went on after the Fish. Mr Freeman lowered away the Starboard Boat & Mr Hopkins the Larboard Boat & went on after the Fish. When they got up to the Fish the Capt was fast to one large one, the Starboard & Larboard Boats went on & fastened. The fish made very good pl. At 6 O'clock P.M. the Boats all returned to the vessel. The Capt & 3 Fish, Mr Hopkins 2, & Mr Freeman 2. Making in number seven. I had it calm & could not get the vessel up to them. I think if I had a little breeze & a few more Hours of Daylight. We could have taken several more Fish. After the Boats came a board at 2 O'clock, At 7 O'clock P.M. we commenced hoisting them in on Deck. At 8 O'clock P.M. we had them all on Deck. At 8 O'clock I came below & retired. I am now half way through my Journal. My watch was called at 12, I stood until 2 then called the watch & went below & retired.

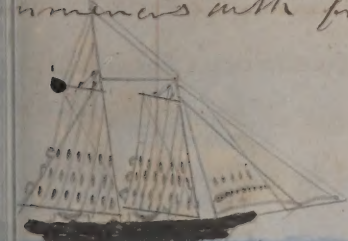
3 On Board Scho. Varnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Sunday Nov 15th 1857 3

Fine morning sun & breakfasted at 6 o'clock, A.M. This day commences with fine weather & very moderate. After breakfast commenced the operation of cutting them up. we got the blubber & the carcasses ashore at 10 o'clock, A.M. we then went to work at towing & mincing. Our watch on deck this forenoon. At 11 o'clock A.M. there was one of the largest School of Black Fish ever along side that I ever beheld. They played along side of the vessel for 4 hours. At 12 o'clock I went down. After dinner our watch below in other watch is to work on the blubber. After dinner I wrote up my Journal. At 4 o'clock P.M. our watch on deck. The Starboard watch had just finished mincing the last blubber. I went to work & worked off Deck & then went below to Ben. This has been a most beautiful day. It has been as pleasant as a day in the month of August. Evening very pleasant. My 2^d watch this evening. I was called at 10 o'clock & stood until 12. Then called the other watch and went below & retired. So Ends this Day.

3 At Sea Monday Nov 16th A.D. 1857 3

Fine morning I was called at 6 o'clock, A.M. I went to work & worked off Deck & then went below & breakfasted. This day commences with fine weather. At 8 o'clock, A.M. saw a large School



Blackfish. Lowered away all 3 Boats. The haul net been 1- but a short time before they all fastened. The Starboard boat took 1st & 2^d Fish & saved 2nd of them. The Starboard boat took one of the White Boats. After the Boats returned the vessel we took in the Black Fish & went to work cut them up. After Ben we set the work a going. We stood until midnight at these works this evening. At 8 o'clock I went below & retired until my watch. I was called at 2 o'clock finished trying all the blubber in my watch. I stood until 4 o'clock then called the other watch & went below & retired until breakfast time. So Ends this Day.

3 On Board Scho. Warrum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Tuesday Nov 17th A.D. 1857 3
Tuesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6^o O'clock A.M.
After breakfast we ran the oil under Deck & cleared up.
At 10 O'clock A.M. saw a large School of Black Fish. Landed



a way all 3 Boats. The Starboard Boat took 30 of them
the Larboard & waist Boat did not get none. The fish
seemed rather wild & it being rather rough the Boats
could not get on. At 12 O'clock A.M. The Boats all came
a board, we took the Fish in on Deck & then went
below to dinner. one of the Capt's Fish was a very large
one. After dinner we went to work & cut them up & minced
the Blubber. At 4 O'clock P.M. we got them all minced &
cleared up Decks & then went to Bed. At 8 O'clock P.M.
I retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.

3 At Sea Wednesday Nov 18th 1857 3
Wednesday morning I was called at 6 O'clock A.M. I washed
down Deck's & then went below to breakfast. After breakfast
I went a Loft; Saw a Fish Spout several times. supposed it to be
a Fin Back. At 8 O'clock A.M. I came down from a Loft & wrote a wh
in my Journal. Then retired for a Nap as it is our watch
below this forenoon. This is a most beautiful Day. The
Sun is shining brightly and the Air is as warm as mid
Summer's Day. Mr Freeman has had the Main Mast
Upper Lift down repairing it. Afternoon Our Watch on
Deck. At one O'clock P.M. The Capt put a man
in Irons (one Scuttiman) At 2 O'clock P.M. I sent a Loft
saw several School of Porpoises. but no Black Fish.
At 4 O'clock I came down from a Loft. At 5 O'clock P.M.
we took Tea. After Tea I came below & wrote a little
in my Journal. Evening At Sunset the Loft
ed away our Watch on Deck until 8 O'clock. At 8 O'clock
I went below and retired until my watch.
So Ends This Day's Transaction. It is the Capt
Birth Day. Age 28 years. A fine Day but no Fish

On Board U.S.S. Porpoise H. Hill

At Sea Thursday Nov 19th, N.Y. 1857
Thursday morning rose & breakfasted at 6³⁰ clock, A.M. This day commences with fine weather & a moderate breeze. After breakfast I cleaned my Spectacles. Our Watch on deck this morning. At 8 o'clock, A.M. we fired up under the work & commenced sailing out our Black Fish Blubber. At 10 o'clock, A.M. I went a Lift - had not been a Lift - but a few minutes before I saw the land. It was the Sumus Coast of Africa. At 12 o'clock came down from a Lift & took dinner. Afternoon my pleasure on Watch below. After dinner I went a little in my Journal. At 3³⁰ o'clock, P.M. we came to an anchor off Gold Rivers, (part Coast of Africa) After we had furled our Sails put a line out & caught 3 or 4 Fish. At 5 o'clock, P.M. we took Tea this Bee I went a Lift. I never beheld so dreary looking place as the coast; nothing to be seen but a level surface of land as far as you can see. I saw several moving objects - but supposed they were Snakes. At Sun Set I came down from a Lift. At 8 o'clock, P.M. went below & retired until my Watch. So Ends today.

At Anchor Off Gold Rivers N.E. of A. Nov 20th 1857
Friday morning all hands called & breakfasted at 6 o'clock, A.M. After breakfast we hoisted up our anchor & hoisted our Sails stood off shore. After we had made sail I went a Lift & stepped still 8 o'clock. After I came down from a Lift I came below & wrote a little in my Journal. The Capt. took the Lieutenant & a few of the crew at 10 o'clock, A.M. After I had finished writing in my Journal I improved this watch in reading a Book called the Australian Captive. Afternoon our Watch on deck. After dinner went off a Run Fall to the fore beam Backle. At 2 o'clock P.M. I went a Lift. At 3 o'clock saw a Sun Fish a short distance from the vessel. Mr Freeman lowered a way the Wire Boat went out & fastened to him, he cut out his Lines & then cut in a drift. At 5 o'clock, P.M. we took Tea. Evening at anchor the Lift lowered a way. At 6³⁰ o'clock, P.M. we came to an anchor, a boat 30 miles from Cintra Bay. It has been very much at sea & we have not made much progress to day. As we had furled our Sails we went below & played several games at Cards. At 8 o'clock retired until my Watch. So Ends this Day's Transaction with moderate weather.

On Board Ship Barnum H. Hill

At Anchor 30 miles from Cintra Bay Nov 21st / 1858.
Saturday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 o'clock A.M.
After breakfast we mended our windlasses & hove up our
anchors & got underway. This Day commences with a very
moderate breeze. We have it a thick fog this morning.
After we had made sail I came below & wrote a little in
my Journal, at 8 o'clock A.M. our watch on Deck
& our watch was employed in scrubbing Rail Waist &c. At 10 o'clock
A.M. I sent a Lieut. on board my mateboat. I do not feel
very well to day as I am troubled with a very bad Headache.
At 12 o'clock came down & took dinner. Afternoon very pleasant.
Our watch below. After dinner I returned to see if my Head
would feel better. At 4 o'clock P.M. our watch was called, it was
very moderate. We lowered away the waist boat & towed the
mangled Head in stern. At 5 o'clock we took Beer. After Beer I
sent a Lieut. but did not stop very long as it came on a thick
fog. We stood in stern at 6 o'clock P.M. we came to an anchor
just in sight of Cintra Bay. At 8 o'clock retired till my watch should
be called.

At Anchor In Sight of Cintra Bay Sunday Nov 22^d 1858.
Sunday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 o'clock A.M.
This Day opens with fine & beautiful weather. After breakfast
we washed down Deck. At 8 o'clock A.M. our watch below
I sent below & returned. This is a very pleasant Day & very moderate.
At 12 o'clock A.M. we took dinner. Afternoon calm. After
dinner I had my Hair cut (Mr. West acted Barber) Then I came
below & wrote a little in my Journal. After I had finished
writing I went on Deck & improved the rest of this Watch
in reading. I hope they will have as pleasant a Sabbath as
Haver, as we have been so long. We are lying to an anchor
a but 15 miles from Cintra Bay & very calm. At 5 o'clock P.M.
we took Beer. Evening very pleasant. This Day has been
spent as we have passed a great many Sabbaths, some in
reading some in sleeping some in writing & some in
At 8 o'clock P.M. I sent below & retired until my watch
I was called at 12 o'clock & stood until 2 then called
the other watch & sent below and retired.
So ends this Day with fine weather.

On Board Sch^r Varnum H. Hill

At Anchor In Sight of Contra Bay Monday Nov 28th 1857
Monday morning we rose and breakfasted at 6^o clock
A.M. After breakfast we moved our windlass & hove up
our anchors & made sail for Contra Bay. we here it very
moderate this morning. After we had made sail Mr
Greenman lowered a way his Boat & went in shore
to cruise up towards the Bay. At 8^o clock A.M. I sent a light
and stayed until 10^o clock. At 12^o clock we took dinner.
At 1^o clock P.M. the Waist Boat arrived a board
we here it very moderate this afternoon, but are making
the best of our way towards Contra Bay. we can see
six vessels in the Bay & find there is six in number.
At 2^o clock P.M. we had it calm and we let go our
anchors & layed until 3^o clock P.M. when there was a
light breeze from the S.W. As we were running in towards
the Bay we soon saw several white Boats lying off the Reef.
One of the Boats came a board of us, we found it to
be Mr Lysons Pain (first Officer of Brig Eschell. Mr
Small was also with him. They give us all the news.
There is six vessels lying in the Bay. Berg Hunters
& New Bedford. Berg N.D. Chase (Capt. Hills) Berg Messengers



Mr. Holmes. Brig Eschell (Capt. Miller) Sch^r Wm. Martin &
a Portuguese Whaler. (a Brig) At 5^o clock P.M. we came
to an anchor off the mouth of the Bay. There has been
whales seen this season & a large whale taken. The
Portuguese Brig took one whale that stowed them down
in bbls from the works. Mr Pain stayed until 6^o
clock & then went a board of his vessel. After they went a
board I came below & anti up my gunnel. I suppose
that to morrow morning we shall weigh our anchors for some
place, we are from here six months to go. At 8^o clock
P.M. my first watch. I stood until 10 then called the other
watch & went below & retired. So Ends this Day.

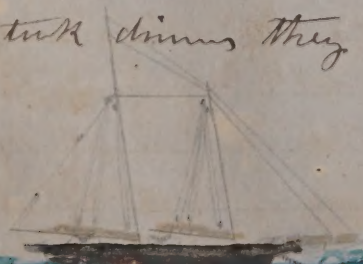
On Board Sch^s Barnum H. H. C. 3

At Anchor off Cintra Bay Tuesday Nov 24th 1857
Tuesday morning my watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M.
At 6 am breakfasted & then went up on anchor & stood up
towards Sore Bay. we had a fine breeze from the S.West.
At 10 O'clock A.M. we passed Sore Bay & worked further up the
Shore. The Bay of Banchina. Sch^s Silver Cloud Capt Fish &
Sch^s John E. Smith lay in the Bay. The Banchina & Sch^s



Cloud are Bailing & the Sch^s John E. Smith had a wheel
a long side a cutting in. We stood further up the Shore
afternoon my pleasure. After dinner landed a way the Harbor
& waist Boat. They went in Shore to cruise for Whales. At 3³⁰ O'clock
P.M. we came to an anchor off Ragged Head. it is about 15
miles from Sore Bay. At 6 O'clock P.M. the Boats arrived a herd.
At 6³⁰ O'clock we took 3, At 8 O'clock retired under my watch. So ends to day

At Anchor Off Ragged Head Wednesday Nov 25th 1857
Wednesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. This
Day is very fine & moderate. After breakfast we landed a way all 3
Boats I sent a Lt. while I was up I saw several Killers. The Boats
all went in Shore. At 11³⁰ O'clock A.M. the Starboard Boat came a herd
and they stopped and took dinner. After dinner they went on a cruise
again At 1 O'clock P.M. the Starboard & Waist Boat came a herd
After they took dinner they started off again. At 4 O'clock P.M. I was



a large Right Whale found in Shore. I signalized the Boats
and they have gone in afters. I then had 12 Hours
a Lt to Day. At 8 O'clock P.M. the Boats all returned a herd
They did not see anything of the Whale. So I had the privilege
of raising the first Right Whale. I was on my legs on
my first watch. At 10 O'clock went to bed & retired. So ends this day

3 On Board Ship, Harbinger H. Hill 3

At Anchor off Ragged Head Thursday Nov 26th 1857.
Thursday morning we ran and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M.
After breakfast we hove up our anchor & got under weigh,
we stood down the shore. After breakfast I sent a Lt. 3d
to send messes (from Sizer & Linton Bys) coming this way.
At 10 O'clock A.M. 3d Steward & Larboard Boats lowered
way and went on a cruise down the shore. There is 3d
Boats a coming towards us in shore. At 11 O'clock A.M. 3d
came a board of us & stayed a while. It was the Barge N.D.
These Boats Mr. Hawes & 3d Officer came a board & stayed
a while. Afternoon very pleasant & warm but very moderate
- has not wind enough to get the vessel a large quantity
by hand that while that I saw, 3d thought she would
take a lot of 2 or 3 Bells of Oil. At 6 O'clock P.M. our Boats all
moved a board. They have been gone all day. They have
went up to Cape Barbados & back. At 6 O'clock P.M. we
went to our anchor. At 8 O'clock retired. So ends this day.

At Anchor Off The Coast Friday Nov 27th 1857.
Friday morning we ran and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M.
After breakfast we were lowered a way 3d Steward & Main Boats
and they went down the shore on a cruise. At 10 O'clock A.M. we
hoisted up the anchor & made sail with our small crew. we
did quite a job. So day is very pleasant & warm & also very
moderate. After we made sail we stood down towards Cape
Barbados. The Barge N.D. Chase, Brig Eschell & Barge Messenger
are in company with us. At 5 O'clock A.M. I sent a Lt.
At 8 O'clock the Boats arrived on board. They went a short
distance down the shore but did not see any thing that
looked like Whales. Afternoon there was not much a
thing about deck & so I went below & mended my Blue
Pants. Jasiah has been working at his Sailors Pants, &
think he has improved the looks of them very much.
At 4 O'clock P.M. I sent a Lt. At 5 we came to our
anchor off Cape Barbados. The N.D. Chase says a short
distance from us. At 8 O'clock P.M. my watch. I stood until
O'clock then called the other watch and went below
and wrote up my Journal then retired. So ends 3d day.

3 On Board Schooner Wm. H. Hill

At Anchor Off Cape Barbo Saturday Nov 28th 1852.

Saturday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M. After breakfast all three Boats landed a way & went down the shore on a cruise. This Day commences with much haze but a thick fog. After breakfast I went a drift but it was so thick I could not see the Boats. I stayed a while & then came down. At 12 O'clock, A.M. The Boats all returned a head & took dinner. After dinner we went to work & hove up our Anchor & made sail & ran to the North, we are running down towards Green Bay. The Brig Eschul is in company with us. we ran until 6 O'clock P.M. and then we better come to an anchor. At 8 O'clock I retired until my watch. So ends this Day.

At Anchor Off The Coast Sunday Nov 29th 1852.

Sunday morning rose & breakfasted at 7 O'clock, A.M. This Day commences with quite a fresh breeze & she is sailing quite strong. After breakfast we all took our Bed clothes on Deck & slaughtered some thousands of Bed Bugs. This Day has been spent in reeling & sleeping &c. Afternoon we went down in the After Hatch in reed a while & then had a Nap. The Eschul layes a short distance from us at 8 O'clock P.M. retired until my watch. So ends 2^d Day.

At Anchor Off The Coast Monday Nov 30th 1852.

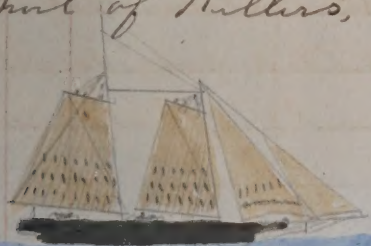
Monday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M. After breakfast we hove up our Anchor and stood down towards Green Bay. At 10 O'clock the two Whales going down towards Green we had a very fresh breeze & were a head & so we could not keep up with them. At 12 O'clock, A.M. I



The Schooner Watchman coming down towards us. At 12 O'clock she landed a way down Boats & was seen in chase of the Whales that we were off. we landed away our Boats & went on after them. Our Boats were to the down. It could not get a head way fast as it was blowing a fresh breeze. The Starboard Boat went on & struck our Whale. I think she will make 30 Bbls. At Sunset we took in our Mainsail & hove her off Green Bay & laid her off shore. At 8 O'clock retired. So ends this last day of Nov 1852.

On Board Sigs Varrum H. Hill

Off Fore Bay Tuesday Dec 1st 1857
And got the Big wheel of line is in running. The masts
in passing rapidly into thinning seems to be recalled Tuesday
morning run & breakfasted at 6 o'clock A.M. After breakfast we hoisted
the Mainsail & run in shore. We ran down the shore until 12 o'clock
then came to an anchor as we had it very moderate. Afternoon, after
noon we hove up and run up the shore (N.W.) At 3 o'clock P.M. saw
School of Killers, landed a way all 3 boats & went out and chased



em, The Starboard Boat got there & the Watch Boat took on, at
2 o'clock P.M. the boats came a head with the fish. we came to an
anchor & went to work cutting them in. we took one of them in whole,
got them all in at 8 o'clock & then went below & took in. The Sigs
Watchman & Eskel Boat are at anchor a short distance from us.
While the Watchman got yesterday will make net for from 100 fish.
Eskel Boat assisted in killing but & she gets one half the Oil &
third of the Bone. Capt. Hussey was a head & took in, at 8 o'clock
I retired until my watch, So ends this first Day of December.

At Anchor Off The Coast Wednesday Dec 2nd 1857
Thursday morning run and breakfasted at 6 o'clock A.M. After
breakfast we hoisted our sails, but did not leave up our anchor
as it was very moderate. Afternoon we had hoisted the sails as there
was to work & cut up the blubbs & then went to work a minding
a haul it very pleasant to day. At 12 o'clock we went below
took dinner, Afternoon very pleasant. We finished minding
at 12 o'clock, At 2 I went a Lift & stayed until 4 o'clock, After
had got the blubbs all cut up, we washed off the decks.
The Eskel Boat close by us killing at the Watchman's
side. The Watchman got underway this afternoon and
run down towards Fore. We did not get much way to day.
The Ben we took in our sails & fished them. Evening I
went up my journal. At 8 o'clock P.M. I went below and
retired until my watch. So ends this Day's transaction
we are not going to set the works a going this evening

3 On Board Sigs. Harmer H. Hill 3

3 At Anchor Off The Coast Thursday Dec 3rd 1858 3
Thursday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M.
After breakfast we maned our windlass and commenced heaving
up our anchors. The wind is blowing a strong breeze from the
North East. When we had got our anchors a part the way up we
broke the Patent 2nd our windlass again. It broke close by the
part that we had repaired not long since. After we had made
sail we stood off shore. At 9 O'clock A.M. I went to work & ground
on sprack, at 10 O'clock I set a Light: Wind still a breeze. At 11
O'clock A.M. we singled reefed our mainsail. At 12 O'clock I went
down from a Light & took dinner. Afternoon Wind blowing very fresh
At 1 O'clock P.M. we backed ship & stood in towards Goree Bay
At 3 O'clock P.M. we came in our the Bay. I thought there was
great danger of our striking as it was breaking on both sides
of us, we ran a short distance in shore & let go both anchors
and give her all the chain. The Berg F. Brunehime (Capt. Brunehime)
& Sigs John E. Smith are the only two vessels in the Bay for the
Evening At 8 O'clock retired until my Watch. So Ends This Day, At Anchor in Goree Bay

3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Friday Dec 4th 1858 3
Friday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M.
After breakfast we went to work & fired up under the anchors & commenced
bailing out the bilges. It is very rough and she is rolling
very bad. At 9 O'clock A.M. Mr. Seales & Currens came a board
of us, they see us a firing up & they had some thoughts that
we had taken a whale. They stopped a board & took dinner
with us. The Berg F. Brunehime & Sigs John E. Smith are



Laying at Anchor in shore of us. At 3 O'clock P.M. Seales & Currens came
a board. At 4 we finished bailing & washed off decks. We saw down a
part of the oil under deck. Think they will make a haul 3 or 4 keels
of oil. Evening. At 8 O'clock retired until my Watch. So Ends This Day

On Board Lchr Varrum H. Hill

At Anchor In Force Bay Saturday Dec 5th 1857
Thursday morning rose & breakfast at 6 O'clock A.M. This Day
commenced with strong N.E. Winds. After breakfast we ran down the
side of the Oil that we had on Deck. There is a bit of Bbls. At 8 O'clock
the Larboard Watch took down the windless & went to work
repairing the Patent. I have been busily employed in
inding my Spacks. Josiah assisted me in sailing. Afternoon
with breezes, we have no left up to Day. At 3 O'clock P.M.



On Lchr Wm. Weston came to an anchor in the Bay, she
a short distance from us. After we had finished repairing
the Patent we took tea. Evening after Josiah, Joe & myself
went down in the Storage & lay under 8 O'clock & then retired. So ends
At Anchor In Force Bay Sunday Dec 6th A.D. 1857
Sunday morning rose & breakfast at 6 O'clock A.M. After breakfast
went to work and washed off Decks. At 8 O'clock A.M. one of the
Capt. Bunchin's Boats (Mr. Curran's) came a board. They had
been down the Bay to look for Whales but had not seen any.
At 10 O'clock A.M. there was a large Whale in the Bay. There
were 6 Boats in pursuit of her. The Bunchin had at 2 Boats
for John C. Smith Esq. & Lchr Wm. Weston Esq. Capt. Weston
went on & fastened. The Whale took out over the Reef
when she had got out side. The Irons dangled & a very
he went making. The water fly like an evil Demon & so they
lost her. The Boats then returned a board. Afternoon we went
a board the Bunchin (Josiah, Joe & myself) Capt. Weston
and his Lady came a board after we had been there a few
minutes. We spent the afternoon in the Storage with the Boys
we enjoyed our selves & had a very good time. We stopped
short time after tea & then we took our Boat down a board.
arrived a board of the Varrum at 8 O'clock P.M. After we
all taken up the Boat I went below and retired
until my watch. So ends this Sabbath Day. C³

3 On Board Sbr Barnum H. Hill 3

3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Monday Dec 7th 1857 3
Monday morning we and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M.,
After breakfast we lunched a day all 3 Boats & went down to the
lower end of the Bay, I sent a Boat & stayed until 10 O'clock, A.M.,
At 10 the Boats returned a Board, The Capt took his Boat &
went a shore & got our Subs of Pine Sand. After he came from
the Shore he sent a board of the Bay F. Bunchine (Capt. Bunchine)
At 12 O'clock, P.M. the Boats all went out & took another Cruise
around the Bay & returned at 4. After tea the Capt. shot several
Gulls. Evening At 6 O'clock, P.M. Capt. Marten came a board
of us. At 8 Capt Forsythe of (Sbr John C. Smith) came a board. At 12
O'clock one of the Boatstons (Andrew W. Johnson) of F. Bunchine
The Captains took the Cabin & the Boys of us took our
cannocks Storage. It was not very well fitted for company! But we
had a very Social Dinner, we sang & related things. At 9 O'clock, P.M.
the Boats went a board. At 92 O'clock. Our Boats crew (Mr Hopkins)
returned from the F. Bunchine. At 10 O'clock I retired. So Ends the Day,

3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Tuesday Dec 8th 1857. 3
Tuesday morning we & breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M., After breakfast
we lunched a day all 3 Boats & went down the Bay on a cruise.
At 9 O'clock, A.M. the Boats returned but did not see any whales. At 10
O'clock, A.M. Mr Curran came a board here from the F. Bunchine but
did not stop long. At 11 O'clock the 2nd Boat of John C. Smith came a board
but did not stop but a few minutes. At 112 O'clock the Sbr Pilgrims Clam
(Capt Fisher) arrived from a short cruise up the Bay. At 1 O'clock, P.M.
the Sbr Mountain King of Providence (Capt Forewell)
arrived here. Our Capt. lunched his Boat & sent a board & sent
us Books, Letters, Papers &c I received a Book some Papers & one Letter
from my wife. one Letter from Chas. A. Young, one from Lemuel Co.
& one from Helen Morgan, I was some what troubled with the
Blues to day but when I received these letters they all left me. Evening
Mr Pruster's Boat came a board here this evening. Mr Steel
(Chief Mate of Wm. Marten) came with him, Andrew W. Johnson
the Steward's Boat stayed with them. we spent the evening
in the Storage & had a very good time talking a bit Home
matters. At 8 O'clock, P.M. they went a board. After they had left
I came below & retired until my watch. So Ends this Day 3

On Board Scho. Harborm H. Hill 3

At Anchor In Fore Bay Wednesday Dec 9th 1857
Wednesday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M., after
breakfast we lunched away all 3 Boats & went down to the lower
end of the Bay, There has been thirteen Boats out this morning.
I had one of Mrs Freeman's Home Cakes for breakfast. My little
Boat Sprit. The Boats all returned at 8 O'clock. At 9 O'clock
the Scho. Mountain King (Capt. Birnie) left here, he is
bound down to Cape Pender. I have had 4 Hours a Loft to
day. At 3 O'clock, P.M., Capt. Buck's Boat came a board of
Capt. Birnie came with him. At 4 O'clock Mr Freeman &
family took the Waist-Boat & went on board the Morton.
After Ben Jon & myself took the Steamer Boat and
went on board the Bay F. Bunchiner & spent the evening.
We had not seen a board but a few minutes when
Miss & Mrs Steel came a board from the Wm. Morton, we
had a very good time, we stayed until 10 O'clock, P.M.,
and then we came a board, took up the Boat & then retired.

At Anchor In Fore Bay Thursday Dec 10th 1857
Thursday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M.,
after breakfast lunched away the Larboard & Waist-Boats.
At 8 O'clock, A.M., The Boats returned a board again. At 10
O'clock, A.M., the Scho. Silver Clouds Boat came a board (Capt. Fisher)
At 11 O'clock, A.M., there were several Arabs came down to the
shore & sat down on the Bank, Mr Seals, Proctor, & Steel lunched
with them Boats & went ashore to talk with them but the
Arabs would not let them get to near them. They had got
near us to speak with them & found that there was 3 men
& one woman, they all had Muskets. At One O'clock, P.M.,
the Boats returned to their vessel, Capt. Fisher stayed until
2 O'clock, & then went a board of the F. Bunchiner. Evening after
I went a board of the Wm. Morton & stayed a few minutes.
While I was there Mr Proctor's Boat came a board of us. They had
a Pickle, Banjo & several good fingers with them, we took our
glasses in the after hold & then I tell you we had a most
wonderful time, we sang & played until 9 O'clock, then
Mr Proctor took his Boats crew & left. Capt. Fisher's 2^d
mate & 2^d mate of the John E. Smith are a board of us this
evening. After the Boats went a board I retired. So Ends this Day,

On Board Scho. Barnum H. Hill

At Anchor In Gore Bay Friday Dec 11th 1853

Friday morning we and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M. After breakfast we hoisted a way all three boats they went down to the lower part of the Bay. At 8 O'clock, A.M. our boats returned a board & commenced getting our Anchors. At 9 O'clock we came out of Gore Bay. The Scho. Wm. Martin got under way and is in company with us. we ran down the shore under Foresail & Jib. Afternoon we hoisted the Mainsail and ran down the shore. At 3³⁰ O'clock, P.M. we saw the Berg. N.D. Chase laying at anchor off Ragged Heads. The Scho. Wm. Martin ran down & anchored close by



the Berg. we ran down close by them. Capt. Rides came a board of us & borrowed a Grappling to fish up his Anchor. he parted his chain yesterday morning in trying to get his Anchor. After Capt. Rides and a board we took in the Mainsail & are laying two anchors on Foresail & Jib. Evening I wrote a little in my Journal. my first watch I stood until 10 O'clock & then went below & retired. So Ends 2^d Day.

Off Cape Berber (Coast of Africa) Saturday Dec 12th 1853

Saturday morning we & breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M. After breakfast we hoisted our Mainsail & stood down the shore towards Cape Berber at 7 O'clock, A.M. The Las board & waist boats hoisted a way & pulled down the shore. At 12 O'clock, A.M. we were off Cape Berber. The boats came a board at 12 O'clock, we then set the Soft Topsail & ran up the shore towards Gore Bay. we have a very light breeze this Afternoon. we ran until 6 O'clock & then we came to anchor off Ragged Heads. The N.D. Chase & Wm. Martin are in sight. Evening we have quite a fresh breeze from the N.E. So Ends 3rd Day.

At Anchor Off Ragged Heads Sunday Dec 13th 1853

Sunday morning we & breakfasted at 7 O'clock, A.M. This day opened with fine weather. After breakfast I took my Letters & Papers that I received from (Mountaine King) & went down in the After Hatch & improved the forenoon in perusing them. The most part of this Day has been spent in receiving Back. Papers, Letters &c. At 8 O'clock, P.M. we went below and retired until my watch. So Ends 4th Day.

On Board Sch^s Varnum, H. Hill &

At Anchor Off Ragged Head's Monday Dec 14th 1852.
Monday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M. —
After breakfast we went to work & hove up our Anchor & made
Sail run up towards Sore Bay, At 7 O'clock, A.M. The Larboard and
Main Boats lowered a way & cruised up the Shore, The N.D. Chace and
Mr. Martin are under way, At one O'clock, P.M. The Boats returned
by see nothing that looked like whales. At 3 O'clock, P.M. we
came to an Anchor in light of Sore Bay, At 3 1/2 O'clock the Eschew



in down & sprackled us & then came to an Anchor close by us, At 4 O'clock, The Sch^s Waterman was running down the Shore & she came
long & sprackled us, & then kept on her course again. After we
had furled our Sails the Captⁿ took his Boat & went a hunt for
the Brig. Mr. Paine & Bayles Small came a board of us & spent the evening
At 5 O'clock, P.M. our Boat arrived. They then took their Boat & went a
hunt, I have had 6 Hours Left to-day. So Ends this Day's Transaction.

At Anchor In Light-Off Sore Bay Tuesday Dec 15th 1852.
Tuesday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M. After
breakfast we made our Windlasses hove up our Anchor. After we had
made Sail we stood up the Shore (towards Sore Bay) We have a very fresh
breeze from the N.E. The Eschew got under way & ran down the Shore
towards Cape Barbas, we did not hove away our Boats this morning.
At 8 O'clock, A.M. our Waterman went to work & set up the Fore Rigging. At
10 O'clock, A.M. I went a hunt & stayed until 12 O'clock, then I came down &
had dinner. At 1 O'clock, P.M. we passed Sore Bay, The Berg, F. Bannister
sailed ahead were laying in there. At 5 1/2 O'clock, P.M. we came to an
Anchor in Cintra Bay. The Berg, Hunters & The Big Sea Witch are

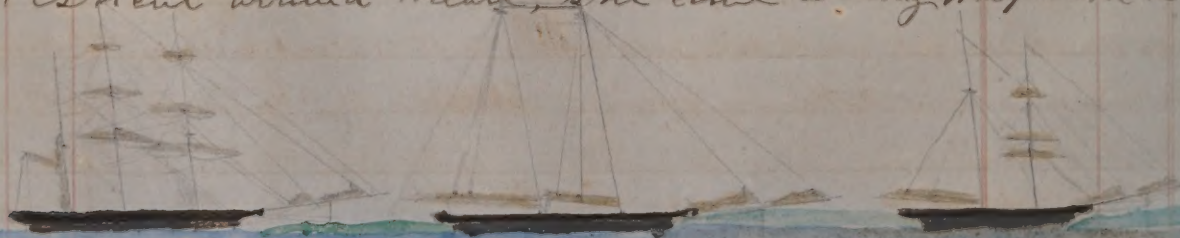


ing here. After we came to an Anchor we furled our Sails. At 8 O'clock
P.M. I went below and retired. So Ends this Day's Transaction.

3 On Board Scho. Carmon H. Hill 3

At Anchas In Cistra Bay Wednesday Dec 16th 1858.
Wednesday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M.
Wind blowing very fresh from the N. East & very cool. After breakfast
I went a-fo'rt & stepped untill 8 O'clock A.M. After I came down from
a-fo'rt our Watch went to work & took the Sails out of the Fore-hol
& took them on deck to air. The Starboard Watch are to work a-fo'rt
and fillers & filling up barrels. At 12 O'clock A.M. we took dinner.
Afternoon. quite a fresh breeze. I have nothing new to write
of any importance in this Day's work. There is four Spanish
Fishermen (Brigs) laying a short distance from us. Three of them
came in this Afternoon & one of them came in at the eve we did
We have had a very fresh breeze through out this Day & very
cool. We have seen nothing that looks like whales yet. But
I am in hopes that we shall soon. Evening fresh & myself
went down in the Stowage & sang, told stories, & talked of Home &c.
At 8 O'clock P.M. we went below & retired untill my watch.
So Ends this Day's transaction with Healthy weather

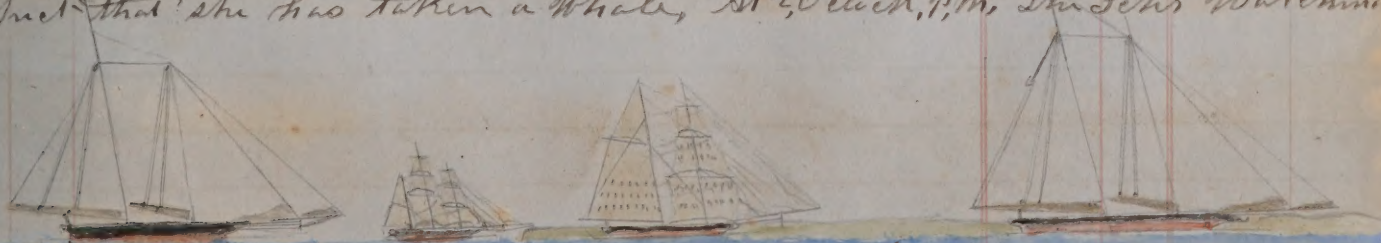
At Anchas In Cistra Bay Thursday Dec 17th 1858.
Thursday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M.
After breakfast we towed a-fo'rt all three Boats. They cruised all
around the Bay. The Starboard Boat went down to one of those
Spanish Fishermen & went on board & stepped a few minutes. At 10
O'clock A.M. Wind blowing a very strong breeze from the Eastward. At 12
O'clock A.M. the Boats all returned. After we had taken up the
Boats we took dinner. At 11 O'clock A.M. the Sea Watch (Portuguese Boat)
got under way and went to Sea. Afternoon. At 3 O'clock P.M. the
Brig Esneul arrived here. She came a-fo'rt & spoke us. Then



came to an anchor a short distance from us. At 2 O'clock P.M. the
Starboard Boat's crew went in shore with the intention of catching
some fish. At 5 O'clock they returned, but with very poor success
as they had not taken a single one of the Finny Fish. After we took
the Boat up we went to bed. Evening a very fresh breeze. At 8 O'clock
I retired. I have had six Hours a-fo'rt to day. So Ends this Day

3 On Board Scho. Varnum H. Hill 3
At Anchor In Cintra Bay Friday Dec 18th 1852
Friday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M.
After breakfast lowered a way all three Boats, 3rd went up & down the
Reef but did not see anything. At 10³⁰ O'clock they all returned on
board, After a talk 2nd Boat up, and Watch went to work & washed
off Deck's Afternoon, quite moderate! After dinner Mr Freeman took
the Main Boat & went in shore on a Fishing Expedition.
At 4 O'clock P.M. the Brig Labeal's Starboard Boat came a board, Capt
Miller & Mr Cullins. At 2 O'clock P.M. there was a Spanish Fish
ing Boat a short distance from us, & as the wind was blowing
very fresh breeze, they came a long side & came a board of us,
must say that they are a hard looking set of men, they stayed
while & then went a board of their own vessel, At 3 O'clock P.M.
Mr Hopkins took his Boat & went on board the Brig Labeal,
At 5 O'clock P.M. Mr Freeman came a board off of his Fishing Expedition
they had caught a lot of Mulletts. At 6³⁰ O'clock Capt Miller and
board, At 8 O'clock Mr Hopkins returned on board, After we had taken
the Boat I went below & retired So Ends This Day's Transactions

At Anchor In Cintra Bay Saturday Dec 19th 1852
Saturday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M.
This morning wind blowing a very fresh breeze from the N.E. &
At 7 O'clock A.M. we lowered a way all three Boats & they all went down
the Reef, It is very funny seeing this morning. When they had got down
there, they found there was a whale in the Bay, but so rough & she was a
very quick they could not do any thing with her, At 10 O'clock 3rd Boat
went a board the Labeal. they stayed & took dinner. The Main & Starboard
Boats got a board at 10 O'clock, Afternoon, Wind blowing a strong breeze, At 1 O'clock
the Brig Humbred got under weigh & went & anchored outside of the Reef, so
expect that she has taken a whale, At 2 O'clock P.M. the Scho. Watchman



and down & came to an anchor a short distance from us, The Labeal
Watchman & us are laying in the Bay & the Brig, outside of the Reef. At 2
O'clock our Boats lowered a way & went to anchor, all returned at 6 O'clock, Evening.
At 8 O'clock I went below & retired, So Ends This Day's Transactions
I have had 6 Hairs at the Mast Head to day, quite long soft, that's

3 On Board Schooner Vassar H. Hill 3

3 At Anchor In Cintra Bay Sunday Dec 20th 1855
Sunday morning rose and breakfasted at 10 O'clock A.M. This
Day commences with a very fresh breeze from the North East. After
breakfast we went down in the Steerage & spent the Forenoon in reading.
At 11 O'clock A.M. The Berg Hunters came up into the Bay and came
to an anchor. we suppose that she has taken a whale. There is -
many more of us in the Bay. Berg Hunters, Erbeel, Watchman & V. H. Hill



At 12 O'clock A.M. we took dinner. Afternoon rather more moderate.
At 1 O'clock P.M. Mr Hepkins took his Boat crew & went ashore,
& landed for the first time on the Arabian Coast, as the Great
Desert. While they were ashore they picked up some Shells. The
Boat returned a hour at 5 O'clock P.M. After we had taken up the Boat
we took tea. Evening at 8 O'clock P.M. went below & retired. So ends the Day

3 At Anchor In Cintra Bay Monday Dec 21st 1855
Monday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M.
After breakfast we landed away all three Boats & the went down the shore on
a cruise. At 10 O'clock A.M. they all returned a hour again. Capt. Miller
came ashore with his Boat crew & stayed a while. The Schooner Watchman
left the Bay this morning & has gone down the shore on a cruise. The Hunter
Erbeel & we are still lying in the Bay. At 11 O'clock A.M. Capt. Miller



& his Boat crew & our Capt. went ashore to stop a while. Mr. Penn was a
shore with his Boat crew. At 12 O'clock A.M. The Berg Hunters came
a way three Boats & we found there was a whale in the Bay. The Erbeel
made signal for the Boats on shore. The Boats were in shore in a few
minutes, but before they got down to the whale the Berg's Boats were far
the will make about 50 Bells. The whale that she took on Saturday
will make about 30 Bells. She is a sailing to day. Our Boats arrived at
at 2 O'clock P.M. I am in hopes that it will be our turn to get the
next whale. Evening my first watch. At 10 O'clock I called the other watch & then retired

On Board Ship, Varun H. Hill

At Anchor In Cintra Bay Tuesday Dec 22nd 1857
Tuesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M. After
breakfast we went to work & hove up our anchor made sail & run
on to the Bottom of the Bay & then came back again, & at 10 O'clock
we came at anchor a short distance within the Reef, we have been
lying further up the Bay, there is but three of us in the Bay at
present The Berg Hunters, Brig Eschul, & so, this morning the



Brig (Hunters) has her masts under way & is also cutting in our 50 Bell
hale. Afternoon, At 3 O'clock, P.M. The Eschul got under way & ran down
anchored a short distance from us, this afternoon At 3 O'clock
there was a Spanish Fishing Boat came a long side. Evening, After
a Capt. Miller came a board with his Boat's crew & stayed until
8 O'clock, Bayles came a board with him. This evening very much
calm, but there has been a fresh breeze from the N.E. during a greater part
this day. After Capt. Miller went a board, I went below & retired. So Ends this day.

At Anchor In Cintra Bay Wednesday Dec 23rd 1857
Wednesday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M. After
breakfast - hove up the Larboard & Main-Basts. So day we have a
very fresh breeze from the North East - but we have got quite a good
breeze. At 8 O'clock, A.M. I went a Lift & stayed until 10 O'clock, It was
blowing a very fresh breeze & the Starboard Boat did not leave
So far came a Lift & relieved me at 10 O'clock. At 10 30 O'clock
the Boat returned. There was no Whales in the Bay. The Berg
Hunters is still a Bailing! The Eschul is laying a short
distance from us. Afternoon rather more moderate but no Whales
in the Bay. I am in hopes that we shall get one soon, for I think
will be our turn by & by. I have nothing of any importance to
write to night, but I am in hopes that we shall get a Whale
in & that will make it interesting for the journal & also the
voyage too. Evening At 8 O'clock, P.M. my first watch, I stood until
12 O'clock then called the other Watch & went below and
slept for the night. So Ends this Day's Transaction. We are
out from Home seven months 23 day. Better times a coming

On Board Sch^y Barnum H. Hill

At Anchoa In Cintra Bay Thursday Dec 24th 1857
Thursday morning we and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M. After
breakfast we did not leave a way as usual as the wind was blowing
a very fresh breeze from the N.E. & very cold, nothing of any importance
going on to day. At 11³⁰ O'clock, A.M. saw a vessel working up from Sore
& supposed it was the Watchman. Afternoon rather more moderate
After dinner I sent a Lieut. At 2 O'clock, P.M. the Sch^y Watchman came to a



Anchoa close by us. She left here last Monday & to day she has returned
with a large Whale. She killed it last Monday. At 3 O'clock, P.M. our Capt.
brought his Boat & sent a board of the label. Then Capt. Mills got in the
Boat & they went on board the Sch^y Watchman. At 5 O'clock, P.M. they
returned and took Tea. Evening. Capt. Mills stayed until 8 O'clock, P.M.
When his Boat came after him & he returned a board. At 8 O'clock I retired. So Ends 24th

At Anchoa In Cintra Bay Friday Dec 25th 1857
Friday morning we and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M. After breakfast
we mended our Windlows & then up we Anchored. We sailed around in the
Bay a while & then kept off and ran down the shore, we passed the
Sore Bay At 11³⁰ O'clock, A.M. To day is Christmas and this afternoon
we have it quite moderate. The Berg P. Bunchina & Lilies Church



was laying in Sore Bay. At 1 O'clock, P.M. we saw a whale
brought down the shore. Found a very the Los breed & Wind-bow
and they went in pursuit of her. They chased a while & at last
she gave them the slip. She was returned a board at 3 O'clock
P.M. Wind blowing a very fresh breeze from the North East.
we worked up towards Sore Bay & at 5³⁰ O'clock, P.M. we singled
hooked our Forewind & took in the Main sail & layed head off
shore. At 8 O'clock my first Watch. I stayed until 10 O'clock
Then called the other Watch & then undid him & retired. So Ends 25th

3 On Board Ship, Vassar H. Hill 3

3 Off The Coast Of Africa Saturday Dec 26th 1857 3
Saturday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M.
The wind had moderated down so it was quite smooth.
After breakfast we hoisted the mainsail & stood in a while, then
we ran down the shore (in the S.E.) We ran down as far as Ragg
& Hacks & then we tacked ship & stood up the shore. Mr. Heph
is & myself are been employed this morning in repairing
the Flying Gibb. At 11 O'clock A.M. Wind commenced blowing quite
fresh breeze from the N.E. At 12 O'clock we took dinner. Afternoon
after dinner I went a Left. At one O'clock P.M. we took in the
Flying Gibb. And wind still a breeze. At 3³⁰ O'clock we came
to anchor a bout 6 miles below Goree Bay. After we had pulled
up sails & cleared up decks we took tea. Evening. Wind blowing
very fresh. At 8 O'clock P.M. I retired until my Watch. So Ends 2^d Day

At Anchor Six Miles Below Goree Bay Sunday Dec 27th 1857.
Sunday morning rose and breakfasted at 8 O'clock A.M. This
day commences with a very fresh breeze from the North East. This
day has been occupied in reading & sleeping. Josiah & myself
are spent the day down in the Steerage. Evening Josiah
myself went down in the Steerage and talked of Home & our
youthful days. At 8 O'clock went below & retired until my watch. At
10 O'clock my watch, At 12 I called the other watch & then went below & retired
So Ends The Last Sabbath Of The Year. A.D. 1857.

At Anchor Six Miles Below Goree Bay Monday Dec 28th 1857.
Monday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. After breakfast
went a Left. Wind blowing very fresh from the North East.
An one Berg working up towards Goree Bay, suppose it was the
D. Bear. At 8 O'clock I came from a Left. At 12 O'clock A.M. took
dinner. Afternoon, rather more moderate. After dinner 3 Mr. Lash
& 4 Waist-Bands landed a way & went up towards Goree Bay on a
mission. The wind was blowing a very strong breeze At 2 O'clock
At 3³⁰ O'clock they returned a board. The wind was then
blowing a very fresh breeze when they returned a board.
It is blowing a Gale of Wind here a bout every 3 or 4 hours. At
8 O'clock P.M. we took tea. Evening. Josiah & myself went
down in the Steerage and stayed until 8 O'clock & then went
below & retired until our watch. So Ends This Day 3

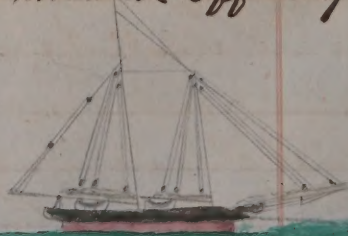
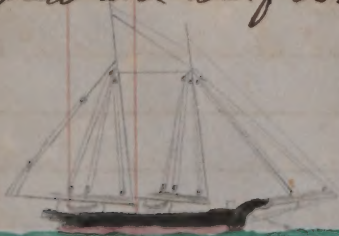
On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill.

At Anchor Six Miles Below Soree Bay Tuesday Dec 29th.
 Tuesday morning ran and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M.
 After breakfast we moved the winches & hove up our Anchor.
 We had a most beautiful day. The Sun is very warm & it is as
 moderate as a midsummer's Day. At 8 O'clock, A.M. the Starboard
 & Main-Boats lunched a way & ran down the Shore (Towards Ragged Head
 Mr. Hopkins & his Boats crew stepped a board, we also ran down the
 Shore with the vessel, At 12 O'clock, A.M. the Boats returned a board &
 took dinner. At 1 O'clock, P.M. saw a boat coming up the Shore &
 found she was in chase of a whale, we lunched away all three



Boats, but before they got down to the whale the boat that was in
 chase had fastened, it was the Berg N. D. Chase Boat, (Chief Master)
 Our Boats run up to him & offered to render him assistance in killing
 the whale, he said he did not want any help. The N. D. Chase was
 not in sight of him. After he had refused our aid we took the
 Ship & worked up towards Soree. Evening we came to Anchor be-
 tween Ragged Heads & Soree Bay. At 8 O'clock Put to bed. So Ends 3rd Day.

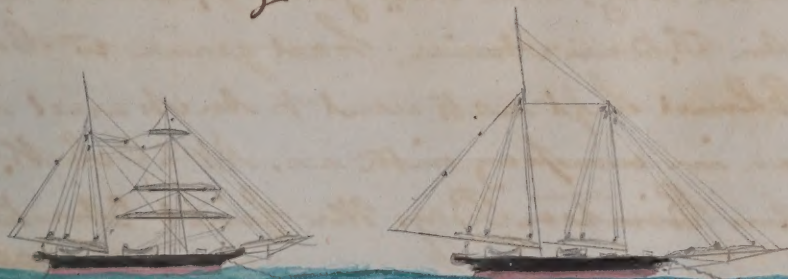
At Anchor Between Ragged Heads & Soree Bay Wednesday Dec 30th.
 Wednesday morning ran and breakfasted at 6 O'clock, A.M. After
 breakfast we hove up our Anchor. This Day commences with a very
 thick Fog: we ran down the Shore. At 10 O'clock, A.M. the Fog cleared
 up & we sent up the Lights. It is very moderate. At one O'clock, P.M.
 we saw the Berg N. D. Chase & John W. Martin off Cape Barbes.



At 2 O'clock, P.M. we ran down & spoke the W. Martin. Our capt. took
 his Boat & went a board of him. At 5 O'clock, P.M. we all three of us
 came to an Anchor. After tea Mr. Steel came a board & spent the even-
 ing. The Boat that was sent to the whale yesterday had lost her, he cut
 from her. it was the 2nd Mate not the (Chief Mate) as before reported.
 After our Boat came a board we returned. So Ends this Day.

On Board The Vornum H. Hill.

At Anchoff Cape Barbas Thursday Dec 31st 1857.
Thursday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. After breakfast we manœuvred our windlasses & hove up our anchors. The Berg N.D. Chace got under way at the same time. we ran down the shore a while & then stood off shore. we had a fresh breeze from the North East. At 10 O'clock A.M. I went on deck & stayed until 12 & then came down & took dinner. Afternoon wind still breezy but we worked up the shore very fast. The Brig Estrel is standing in shore at 5 O'clock P.M. she came to an



anchors between Ragged Head & Sore Bay. we stood in and at 2 O'clock we came to an anchor close by the Estrel. After we were on anchor Capt. Miller took his Boat & came on board. Mrs. Canfield told us that there had been some trouble on board the Berg. S. Bencher & that Mr. James Curren (3rd Mate) had left the Berg & had gone on board the Silver Cloud Capt. Rich. At 5 O'clock Capt. Miller went on board. I wrote in my Journal & then retired. So ends

At Anchoff Between Ragged Heads & Sore Bay Friday Jan 1st 1858.
The Big Wheel of Time is ever revolving. To day is the first of Jan. 1858. Friday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. After breakfast we got our anchors & made sail & stood up towards Sore until 10 O'clock A.M. we then ran down the shore. The Estrel is ahead of us. It is very pleasant for the first day of Jan. We ran down the shore until 2 O'clock & then stood in shore & worked to the windward. At 5 O'clock The N.D. Chace, Estrel. Wm. Moring, Silver Cloud &



Mr. Vornum H. Hill all came to an anchor close by each other off Ragged Head. After we had furled our sails, Mr. Perkins took his Boat & went on board the Silver Cloud. At 8 O'clock P.M. I went below & retired. So ends The First Day of Jan 1858.

On Board Scho. Varnum H. Hill.

At Anchor Off Ragged Heads Saturday Jan 2^d 1858.
Saturday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 o'clock A.M.
After breakfast we mended our winchlasses & hove up our anchors. This
Day commences with a cloudy sky & constant Rain Showers. This is
the first time that I have seen Rain on the Coast. This
morning the Schoel & Lilms Cloud got underway with us
& ran up the shore. We left the Berg. N. D. Chaer & Scho. Wm. Monte
at Anchor off Ragged Heads. At 10 o'clock A.M. I went ashore. At 12 o'clock
A.M. we passed Bone Bay. The Scho. John C. Smith was at
Anchor in the Bay. The F. B. Sumner had gone to Connors's
After noon, the Lilms Cloud left us & went to Anchor in Bone
Bay. The Schoel kept on in company with us. At 2 o'clock P.M. we
came to an anchor in Cintra Bay. We fired the Berg.
Huntress & Berg. Rathehild at anchor here. At 4 o'clock P.M. the



Schoel arrived & came to an anchor close by us. After we had
furled our sails we went to work & caught some little Fish (Shiners)
& we had some fresh Fish for supper. After Supper I went ashore &
stopped under a bush. At 8 o'clock I retired until my watch. At
10 o'clock my watch I had it - my Ring. I called the other watch at 12 o'clock
& then retired. So Ends This Day's Transaction.

At Anchor In Cintra Bay Sunday Jan 3^d 1858.
Sunday morning rose and breakfasted at 7 o'clock A.M.
This Day commences with very fine weather & moderate. After
breakfast I shined my musket & trimmed my whistlers. This
is the 2^d time I have shined for the voyage. The first part
of this Day has been occupied in reading & sleeping. At 12 o'clock
took dinner. Afternoon - Mr. Freeman took his Boat & went
ashore. Mr. Sturges watch all night in the West Boat. At 1
o'clock P.M. Capt. Miller came aboard. Capt. Holman came
aboard with him. They did not stop but a few minutes
they went ashore from here. At 5 o'clock our Boat returned
Evening went down in the Stowage & stopped until 6 o'clock & then
went below & retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.

On Board Sch^{rs} Cassin H. Hill.

At Ancher In Crista Bay Monday Jan 4th 1858.
Monday morning run and breakfast at 6 O'clock A.M.
After breakfast we moved our windlasses & hove up our
anchors. We have it very pleasant but much sail. The Schooner
underway with us. At 8³⁰ O'clock A.M. hauled away the
foreboard & main-boards & they went out on a cruise. At 12 O'clock
took dinner. Afternoon very pleasant. At one O'clock P.M. we
saw a whale bound up the Bay. The Capt. hauled away his
net & the Schooner has two boats & they went out & chased until
she gave them the slip. At 4 O'clock P.M. the boats returned
board. At 4³⁰ O'clock P.M. we took tea. I have had eight
ours left to day. Evening at 6 O'clock P.M. we came to anchor
off Sore Bay. The Silver Cloud & John T. Smith are



lying in the Bay. Last Evening I wrote one letter to my
wife. I am a going to send it to the West Indies per Sch^{rs} Wm
Porter. At 8 O'clock my first watch. I stood on deck then
went below & retired feeling somewhat lame sick. So ends to day.

At Ancher Off Sore Bay Tuesday Jan 5th 1858.
Tuesday morning run & breakfast at 6 O'clock A.M.
After breakfast we moved our windlasses & hove up our anchors.
This day commences with a fresh breeze from the N.E.; After
much sail we worked up to Crista Bay. We went in the
bay & cruised a while. At 8³⁰ O'clock A.M. saw the Sch^{rs} Watchman
running down the shore. At 10 O'clock A.M. saw the Schooner sailing
up & down the Bay. At 12 O'clock A.M. took dinner. Afternoon
wind blowing quite fresh. After dinner I went a loft & stayed
until 2 O'clock. We have been running down the shore
at 2³⁰ O'clock P.M. we came to an anchor out side of Sore
Bay. It is blowing very fresh & she is rolling very hard.
Evening. After tea went down in the Stowage & stayed
until 8 O'clock & then came below and wrote a little
in my Journal. After I finished writing I retired. So ends to day.

On Board Scho Varnum H. Hill.

At Anchor Off Force Bay Wednesday Jan 6th 1858.
Wednesday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M.
This Day commences with a very fresh breeze from the N.E.
It is blowing so fresh that we have no Lift up to Day.
Joe Josiah & myself have spent this forenoon down in
the Storage. At 12 O'clock A.M. we took dinner. Afternoon
wind still a breeze. There is a short Sea running &
she is rolling very bad. We spent the Afternoon
in the Storage. At 2 O'clock P.M. Joe went a Lift and
stayed until 4 O'clock, that is the only Lift that we
have had up for the Day. Evening wind blowing
very fresh breeze & she is rolling & kicking like
an End Demon. At 8 O'clock I went below and retired
until my watch. So Ends This Day's Transaction.

At Anchor Off Force Bay Thursday Jan 7th 1858.
Thursday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M.
After breakfast we went to work and
went off Deck. This morning the wind is
blowing fresh & she is rolling very bad. At 8 O'clock
A.M. we dished Reefed our Sails & Manoeuvred all the
Winchless & commenced operation of getting our Anchor
we had four turns of Chain a round the Winchless and
six men holding the Bunt. At 10 O'clock A.M. we got
our Anchor without doing any accident to the Winchless.
At 2 O'clock P.M. we came to an anchor in Force Bay.
The Scho John C. Smith & Silver Cloud are still laying



here. After we came to an anchor, our Capt went on board
the Scho John C. Smith & stayed a short time. At 5 O'clock
we came a board & took Tea. Evening Mr James Curran off
Scho Silver Cloud came a board of us & spent the evening.
At 10 O'clock I retired until my watch. So Ends
This Day's Transaction with nicely weather.

On Board Scho. Vanner H. Hill.

At Ancho In Force Bay Friday Jan 8th 1858.
Friday morning rose and breakfast at 6 O'clock A.M.
This Day commences with strong breeze from the N.E. After
breakfast we landed a way all three Boats & they went down
the lower part of the Bay. They all returned again at
O'clock A.M. There was nothing in the Bay that looked
like Whales. At 10 O'clock A.M. saw the Brig Schoel
as before. she was running down towards Ragged Heads.
Afternoon wind blowing very fresh. The Starboard watch
has been employed in breaking out Melasses this Afternoon.
At 4 O'clock P.M. I went a Loft & stayed until 5 then came
down & took Tea. Evening After Tea we went down in
the Stewage. At 8 O'clock P.M. The Scho. John C. Smith's
and came a board {Capt. Purcythor} and Scho. Silas Clouet's
and {Mr. Curren} The 2nd Mate & Boatstewards occupied
the Stewage & we had a very good time. They stayed
until 9 O'clock & then went a board. My watch was out at 10
O'clock, I called the other Watch & then retired. So Ends 3rd Day.

At Ancho In Force Bay Saturday Jan 9th 1858.
Saturday morning rose and breakfast at 6 O'clock
A.M. This Day commences with a fresh breeze from
the N.E. After breakfast - landed a way all three Boats. They cruised
round the Bay a while & then the Starboard & Larboard Boats went a
time & spent the first part of this Day. Afternoon wind blowing
very fresh from the N.E. After dinner I went a Loft and stayed
until 2 O'clock P.M. Saw the Brig Schoel working up from the
ward. At 5 O'clock P.M. she came into the Bay & anchored close by us.



Evening. After Tea our Capt went a board of the Schoel. At 8 O'clock P.M.
Paine & small came a board of us. At 6 O'clock the Mate of Scho. Silas
and came a board. Mr. Curren came with him. Mr. Small Curren
Thurs of us occupied our Stewage. we had a very social time. At 9 O'clock
all left us to go to their ~~own~~ vessels. So Ends This Day's Transactions.

On Board Scho. Warrum Hill

At Anchor In Force Bay Sunday Jan 10th 1858
Sunday morning we and breakfasted at 7 O'clock A.M.
After breakfast I took some Papers & Josiah & myself went
down in the Stewage & improved a portion of this forenoon
in reading. To Day we have a very strong breeze from the
North East. It is very rough & there is considerable rolling in
here. This Day has been spent in reading & sleeping as we usually
spend the Sabbath. There has been no one a board of us to Day.
Evening. After Sun Josiah, Joe & myself went down in the Stewage
& stayed until 8 O'clock & then went below & retired. So Ends 3rd Day.

At Anchor In Force Bay Monday Jan 11th 1858
Monday morning we & breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. At 7 O'clock
A.M. the Brig Eschul got underway & came out of Force Bay. At 8 O'clock
we hove up our Anchor & started. We both worked up towards
Cintru Bay. To Day the wind is blowing a very fresh breeze
from the N.E. At 10 O'clock A.M. we saw the Brig Rathbills running
down the shore. She leaves the Coast to Day. We heard this morning
that the Portuguese Brig. took a large whale yesterday. When we
arrived up in the Bay we found she was a whaling out. Afternoon
wind blowing quite fresh. At 2 O'clock P.M. I went on Deck. At 4 O'clock
P.M. we came to an Anchor in Cintra Bay. The Eschul came
to an Anchor close by us. There is now at Anchor in the
Bay: Brig Hunters, Brig Richmond (of New Bedford.) The Portug
Brig (with catch) The Eschul & us. After we had furled our



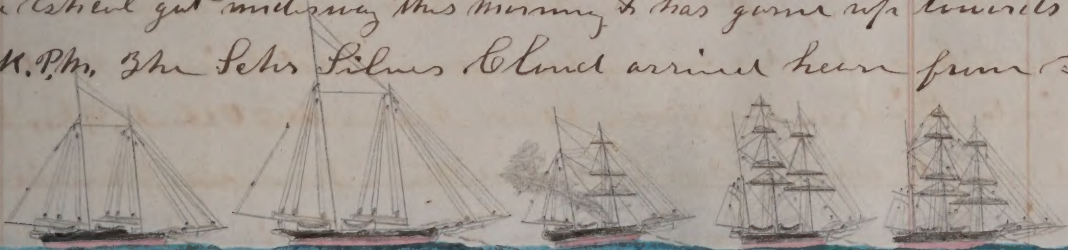
Sails we went below & took care. After Sun we broke out the Blubber
Rounds & took the junk Cakes on the quarter Deck & filled them with
water. We parted our Chain Bobsay & we have done that to
trim us by the stern, so as we can get at it to repair it
Evening. Josiah & myself went down in the Stewage & stayed
until 8 O'clock & then went below & retired. So Ends This Day

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On Board Scho. *Warren* H. Hill

At Ancho In Cintra Bay Tuesday Jan 12th 1858.
Tuesday morning run and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M.
After breakfast we lowered a way the Starboard & Waist Boats, they went
on a cruise & returned a board at 9 O'clock A.M. The Scho. got
underway this morning & cruised a round the Bay, she came to an
anchor again at 5 O'clock P.M. After the Capt came a board he took
a boat & went on board the Brig Richmond to see if they had
a Surge, as we wanted to repair our Chain Bob Stay, At 11 O'clock
P.M. he returned, they had no Surge, so this afternoon we have been
working repairing it the best way we can. Evening Josiah & myself went
on in the Stowage & stowed until 8 O'clock & then went below & retired.

At Ancho In Cintra Bay Wednesday Jan 13th 1858.
Wednesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. At 10 O'clock
we used a way the Starboard & Waist Boats, they went down the Bay on a cruise & returned
in at 9 O'clock A.M. We got the Chain Bob Stay repaired this forenoon. Afternoon very
warm, we emptied the water out of the Junk Casks & stowed them down in the
Cabin Room we have it very pleasant this afternoon. At 2 O'clock I went a Loft & stowed
in 4, The Scho. got underway this morning & has gone up towards Solit River.
5 O'clock P.M. The Scho. *Salus Cloud* arrived here from Sore Bay.



At Ancho close by us. Mr. Freeman went a board & spent the evening.
8 O'clock I went below & retired. So Ends This Day's Transactions.

At Ancho In Cintra Bay Thursday Jan 14th 1858.
Thursday morning run & breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. After breakfasted
we ran up our Anchor & ran down the shore, the *Salus Cloud* got
underway & went the other way, we passed Sore Bay at 11 O'clock A.M. Saw the
br John C. Smith going in there at Ancho. At one O'clock P.M. Mr. Hope
is ran a Sprit from the Mast Heads we lowered a way all three Boats
out and & chased, The Starboard Boat went on & fastened, they
had not been fast but one minute before they cut the line, when
they had cleared themselves, they went Mr. Sulphur Bottom
round off shore, he was going like a fast Horse. Evening at 5 O'clock
P.M. we came to an Ancho off Ragget Heads, the *Wetstman* is at
Ancho close by us. Capt Hussy came a board of us & spent the evening.
8 O'clock I retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.

3 On Board Ship Commodore H. Hill 3

At Anchor Off Bagged Heads Friday Jan 15th 1858.
Friday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast we hove up
our Anchor & made sail. The Schs Watchman is under way bound up towards
Serra Bay, we ran off towards Cape Barbas. we have a very fresh breeze from
the N.E. we ran off until 11 O'clock & then we came to an anchor
off Cape Barbas. The Berg N.D. Chase is at anchor close by us. After



dinner the Capt lowered away his Boat & went a board of the Berg.
At 5 O'clock P.M. Mr Hauser & Isaac young came a board of us & spent the
Evening. At 10 O'clock our Capt returned a board. Mr Hauser took his
boat & went a board of the Berg. So Ends This Day's Transactions.

At Anchor Off Cape Barbas Saturday Jan 16th 1858.
Saturday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast we hove up
our Anchor & made sail & ran down towards Cintia Bay. we have a fresh
breeze from the N.E. we passed Serra Bay at 12 O'clock A.M. we saw the Schs
John C. Smith in there at anchor. Afternoon rather more moderate we
ran a short distance up past Cintia Bay on a cruise, we saw the Brig
Eschell & Schs Silas Cloud coming down from Seld River. we took the
Ship & ran into Cintia Bay & came to an anchor at 5 O'clock P.M. The Brig
& Silas Cloud came to an anchor a short distance from us. There is at anchor
in the Bay this Evening 7 of us in number, Berg Huntress, Berg Richmond,
and, Portuguese Brig, Brig Eschell, Schs Watchman, Schs Silas Cloud
& Schs Commodore H. Hill. The Berg Huntress took a whale this

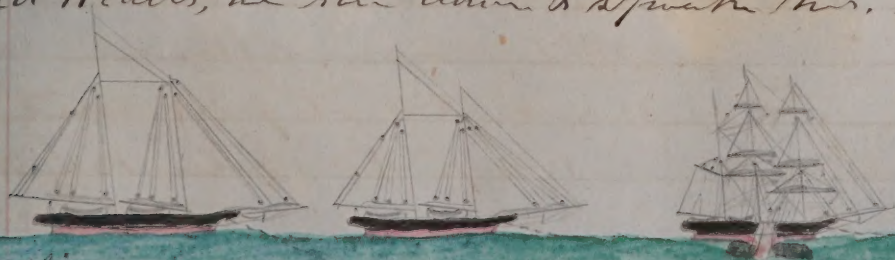


Morning. The Berg is a cutting her in when we come in the Bay.
After we came to our anchor we took Tea & then I went a Lift and
stepped until sunset. At 6 O'clock P.M. Capt Miller & Mr Coulter
came a board. Mr Hopkins took his Boat & went on board
of the Eschell. At 7 O'clock P.M. Capt Silas (of the Portuguese
Brig) came a board of us & spent the Evening. At 10 O'clock
P.M. they all left & went a board of their vessels. At 10 O'clock M.
2^d watch. It is very pleasant this Evening. I went up my
Journal during my watch. At 12 O'clock P.M. I called the
other watch & then went below & retired. So Ends 2^d Day

On Board Sch^s Varnum H. Hill

At Anchor In Cintra Bay Sunday Jan 17th 1858
Sunday morning rise & breakfast at 10 o'clock, A.M. This morning
have a very fresh breeze. Capt. Hussey & Capt. Miller came aboard & took
breakfast. While they were eating breakfast there was a whale in the Bay.
Boats were in chase, Capt. Hussey's Boats came a long side and
hooked him in & they went on after her. She had fifteen Boats after her
but they did not get her. She took down to the lower part of the Bay & gave them
up. The Silvers Cloud & Watchman got under way & ran down to the
anchorage. Capt. Miller stopped a barrel & took dinner. Afternoon our Capt. took
a Boat & they went a barrel of the school. At 1 o'clock, P.M. there was a mother
whale in the Bay. The Boats were all in chase but the school & ours.
At 2 o'clock Mr. Paine & Small came aboard. Mr. Small & myself went down
to the Storage & we had a good talk about home & things in general.
We stopped until 8 o'clock & then went a barrel. So ends this day.

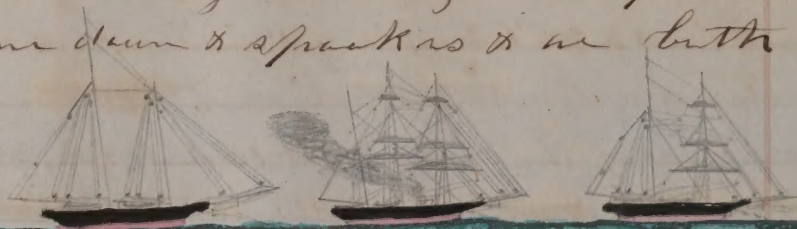
At Anchor In Cintra Bay Monday Jan 18th 1858.
Monday morning rise & breakfast at 6 A.M. we got under way & ran down
the lower part of the Bay. The school is also under way. When we got down
the lower end of the Bay, we passed the Sch^s Watchman & John C. Smith
working up into the Bay. We saw something close in shore that looked
like a barrel. We turned away our Boats & went in & found them to be Porpoises.
Have a fresh breeze this morning off the land. We singled Reefed
Main sail this morning when we got under way & at 9 o'clock, A.M.
began to moderate. At 10 o'clock we struck the Reef out of the
main sail & while we were doing it - gale last the Heaves was loud
this was very pleasant & moderate. We are running down the
bay. At 2 o'clock, P.M. we went to work & set up the fore Rigging.
The Sch^s Silvers Cloud is in company with us & is running down
the shore. At 3 o'clock, P.M. we saw the Berg N. E. Chase at anchor.
Ragged Heads, we ran down & spoke her. She had taken



While this morning & they were to work & catch her in.
There was a very large whale, Capt. Richards said he thought
it would make 100 bbls of oil. At 6 o'clock, P.M. the Sch^s
Silvers Cloud & us came to an anchor a short distance from
N. E. Chase. Evening very fine & warm. At 10 o'clock I called
the watch & then retired. So ends this day & no whales for us.

3 On Board Ship Tussum H. Hill 3

At Anchor off Ragged Heads Tuesday Jan 19th 1858.
Tuesday morning sun & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast we
got underway & ran a short distance up the shore. Wind blowing a fresh
breeze. At 9 O'clock A.M. we came to an anchor in 5 fathoms of water.
we caught quite a number of fish this forenoon. After dinner I went on
Left; quite successful but rather smacking. The Larboard & Main-Boats went
on a cruise. At 12 O'clock we got underway & ran up the shore. At 4 O'clock
The Schooner came down & sprackled & we both came to an



Anchor off Ragged Heads. The N. S. Schooner is boiling out. She lays in
sight of us. Evening. At 8 O'clock P.M. I went below & retired. So Ends 3rd Day.

At Anchor Off Ragged Heads Wednesday Jan 20th 1858.
Wednesday morning sun & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast we got
underway & ran down as far as Cape Barbus. The Schooner is in company with
us. we have it very pleasant to day. This afternoon I have been employed
as Sinker, I have been repairing some iron work for the Steward. This
afternoon we worked up quite near to Serre Bay & then ran off a
gain & at 5 O'clock we came to an anchor off Ragged Heads. After we had
anchored, I went out & repaired the Flying Jib. Evening Jasick & myself
amused our selves by singing a Song called Harle Quins. we sang until 8
O'clock. My first watch. At 10 I called the other watch & then retired. So Ends 3rd Day.

At Anchor Off Ragged Heads Thursday Jan 21st 1858.
Thursday morning sun & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast we
mained the windlass & hove up our anchor. we have a fresh breeze
from the South East-Wind blows off the shore. we ran down
as far as Cape Barbus & then backed ship & worked up
the shore again. At 10 O'clock A.M. we saw the Scho-
matom running down the shore. Afternoon very
pleasant. After dinner I went on Left & stowed until 2
O'clock P.M. we worked most up to Serre Bay & then
tacked ship and ran off again. At 5 O'clock P.M. we
came to an anchor off Ragged Heads. The Berg N. S.
Schooner is in sight; she is boiling. Evening After
Ben Jasick & myself went down in the Stowage
& sang & talked of Home until 8 O'clock & then went
below & retired. So Ends This Day's Transaction
With beautiful weather and no whales.

On Board Sch^s Vermont H. Hill

At Anchor Off Raggeel Head's Friday Jan 22nd 1858
Friday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This Day commences
the fine weather & a moderate breeze from the S.E. After breakfast we haul
our anchor & made sail & run down as far as Cape Verde. Sch^s
Watchman is running down the shore with us. At 8 O'clock A.M. we Tacked
up & worked up towards Serra Bay. Afternoon very pleasant. We have been
through the operation of Keel Hauling this afternoon. At 5 O'clock P.M. we came
to anchor in Cintra Bay. We find in here, viz Berg Huntress, Richmond



Richmond, Watchman, Sch^s John E. Smith. Silas Cloud & H. Hill.
my first watch. At 10 I called the other watch & then retired. So Ends 2nd Day.

At Anchor In Cintra Bay Saturday Jan 23rd 1858.
Saturday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast we got under
way. We have a fresh breeze from the S.E. The Schoal & Sch^s John E. Smith
are running down the shore with us. We run down below Serra Bay about
miles. We saw the Sch^s Watchman coming up the shore & we
told ship & came back. The Schoal & Watchman went into the
bay & anchored. The John E. Smith & us worked up towards Sold
at 2 O'clock P.M. we run off for the Bay again. At 4th O'clock we came
to anchor in Cintra Bay. We find at anchor in here, Huntress,



Richmond, Watchman, Schoal, John E. Smith.
Watchman & us. Evening. Capt. Mills. came aboard. Mr James Curren
came aboard (from the Silas Cloud). At 8 O'clock they all went Home
again. We are from Home & Monday to Day. So Ends 3rd Day.

At Anchor In Cintra Bay Sunday Jan 24th A.D. 1858.
Sunday morning very pleasant. we have spent the greater part of this Day in
sailing. Afternoon. At one O'clock P.M. The Berg St. Benedictine arrived here from
Grand Cannery. There is now lying at anchor in the Bay. 9 of us in number.



don't hope to see an end the defect, the schoal was a board then, from the
schoal. He told Mr Hopkins that he saw Herman Rich at Palma. He was mate
Berg. At 5 O'clock I retired under my watch. So Ends 4th Day.

On Board The Varnum H. Hill.

At Anchor In Cintra Bay Monday, Jan 25th 1858.
Monday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. After breakfast we manned the Windlass & hove up our Anchor. The School & School Watchman are under way in company with us. When we arrived down the lower part of the Bay we saw a School of Killers. The Watchman School & our Boats all hunted a way & chased but we did not get anything. Afternoon quite a fresh breeze. we are running down the shore. At 4 O'clock P.M. we saw the N.S. Chase a making up the shore. At 5³⁰ O'clock we came to an anchor off Ragged Heads. Evening. At 8 O'clock retired until my watch. So Ends So Day.

At Anchor Off Ragged Heads Tuesday Jan 26th 1858.
Tuesday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. & then got under way & ran down the shore a short distance. The School Watchman is under way with us. At 8 O'clock we tacked Ship & worked up towards Sore. At 10 O'clock we saw a whale. We hunted a way all three Boats and went in pursuit of her. She was between Ragged Head & Sore Bay. At 11 O'clock the School, Scho John E. Smith & Watchman's Boats were



In chase with us, She chased the whale 4 Hours & at last she gave them the slip & went off shore. She was a large whale & when shot she would have made 100 bbls of Oil. Evening. we came to an anchor in Sore Bay. The School & John E. Smith, are at anchor off Ragged Heads. There is no other vessel in Sore but us. So Ends This Day.

At Anchor In Sore Bay Wednesday Jan 27th 1858.
Wednesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast we got under way and stood off shore we have it quite moderate. Afternoon. at 2 O'clock P.M. we passed the F. Bunchin bound down the shore. Our Capt went a board of her & got some Iron Poles. At 5 O'clock P.M. we came to an anchor in Cintra Bay. We find at anchor in here, viz. Hunters, Richmond, Wal-



With, Silver Cloud, & Spanish Fisherman (School) & Scho. W. H. Hill. En At 6 O'clock, Capt Allen of Berg. Hunters, and Capt. Hussey of Berg. Richmond came a board of us and spent the evening. They left at 9³⁰ O'clock & then I and John and retired until my watch. So Ends This Day. I finished a Letter to send to my wife to Miss W. & one for Lemuel Cook & H.

On Board Ship Warren H. Hill.

At Anchor In Contra Bay Thursday Jan 28th 1858.
Thursday morning we had breakfast at 6 A.M. This day commences
with a strong breeze from the N.E. The Spanish Fisherman (Pluck) got
down this morning & went out of the Bay. The Eskel came in here
at evening & came to an anchor at 9² O'clock. It was moon light and
very pleasant; After breakfast the Capt and a board of the Eskel & spent
the day. Capt Fish & Mr Currens were also a board of them from
Silas Clark. Our Capt arrived a board at 5² O'clock P.M. Evening
at 8 O'clock went below & retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.

At Anchor In Contra Bay Friday Jan 29th 1858.
Friday morning we had breakfast at 6 A.M. This day commences
with a fresh breeze from the North East. After breakfast I went a light and stayed
until 8 O'clock. Mr Freeman has been to work a setting up the Spring Stuy this forenoon
traverse rather more moderate. At 3 O'clock P.M. Capt Miller & Mr Coulbick
a board from the Eskel. Mr Hopkins took his Boat & went and went a
board there. Evening. At 7 O'clock Capt Fish & Mr Currens of Silas Clark
a board of us & spent the evening. Capt Silas of the Brig Helen White also
a board with him. At 9 O'clock P.M. They all went a board of their own vessels.
At 10 O'clock I retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.

At Anchor In Contra Bay Saturday Jan 30th 1858.
Saturday morning we had breakfast at 6 A.M. After breakfast we
saw a very large Lobster & Waist Boats & they went off on a cruise
on the shore. At 10² O'clock A.M. Capt Allen (of Berg Hunters) came
board & stayed until 11² O'clock A.M. & then he went a board of a good
steamship. After dinner one of the Berg's Boats started from the Berg
& lay off the Reef for the purpose of catching some fish. When
they landed a very large one. There was seen other Boats in chase of them, and
one boat landed a very large one, but they were found out these mistakes. Then
at 8 O'clock went below and retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.

At Anchor In Contra Bay Sunday Jan 31st 1858.
Sunday morning we had breakfast at 7 O'clock A.M. After
breakfast I improved this forenoon in reading. Afternoon - Mr Paine & Small came a board
the Eskel, our Capt took their Boat & went a board of the Eskel, & from there they went a board
Hunters. At 3 O'clock Mr Stubblefoot (first officer of Hunters) & Mr Christy (first officer of Silas Clark)
a board. At 6 O'clock the first officer of the Berg Richmond came a board. Mr
Allen & myself had a very good time a talking a boat home. The Eskel is a good
boat - the Coast to Murray from Cape de Verde, I think we shall be very handy
when she goes off. I give Mr Paine these letters to take home for me. I write
my wife & one for Samuel. At 9 O'clock they all left us. So Ends This last day of Jan.

3 On Board Ship, Tarrum H. Hill 3

At Anchor In Cintra Bay Monday Feby 1st 1858.

Monday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast we got under way. The Eskel & Silas Cloud are both running down the shore with us. My Macbride the first part of this Day. At 10 O'clock P.M. The Silas Cloud was called by us, & our Capt. Lander a way his Boat & conveyed some Letters a board of him. I sent one to my Wife. At 6 O'clock we came to an Anchor off Raggeel Heads. The Eskel, F. Bunchina, and Silas Cloud by day.



by us. Our Capt. sent a board of the Eskel & stayed a short time. Mr. Lander sent me some Tobacco. Mr. Prater came a board here from the F. Bunchina and spent the evening. It is blowing very fresh. My first watch. At 10 O'clock I called the other watch and then retired. So Ends this Day.

At Anchor Off Raggeel Heads Tuesday Feby 2^d 1858.

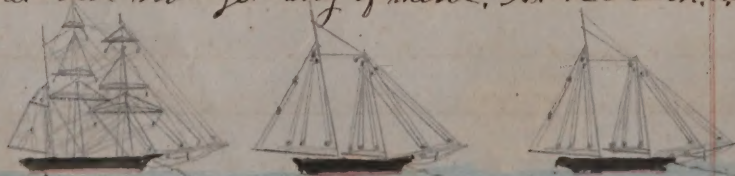
Tuesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast we got under way & worked up towards Serre. We have it blowing very fresh. The Eskel & Silas Cloud left the Coast this morning at 8 O'clock A.M. The Barge F. Bunchina dragged her Anchor last night. The F. Bunchina and Ship Watchman are working up the shore with us. At 3



O'clock P.M. we came to an Anchor in Serre Bay. At 5³⁰ O'clock the Watchman came to an Anchor. At 6 O'clock the Bunchina did not get in here. She lay at Anchor outside the Reef. At 8 O'clock by Hussy came a board & stayed the Evening. As I retired. So Ends this Day.

At Anchor In Serre Bay Wednesday Feby 3^d 1858.

Wednesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. At 10 O'clock we hunted for Killers, we chased but did not get any of them. At 12 O'clock A.M. The F. Bunchina



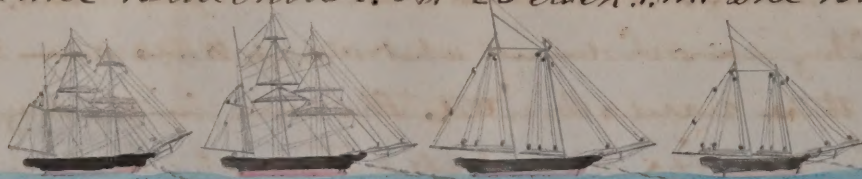
came to an Anchor close by us. This afternoon I have been making a Painter. Evening. Mr. Coon from the Watchman & Mr. Seales & Prater from the Bunchina came a board & spent the Evening. At 10 O'clock they went a board & I went below & retired until my watch. So Ends this Day.

On Board the Barren H. Hill

At Anchor In Soree Bay Thursday Febry 4th 1858.
Thursday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. We have a fresh breeze from the North East. I finished my Pointers this morning. After dinner Capt Hurray came a board of us & took our Capt- then they both went a board of the F. Bunchin. At 2 O'clock P.M. there was a Whale in the Bay. They had the Capt a board & we went along the Starboard & Waist Boat & went on after him. Our Larboard net was a shore. They soon disclosed what was up & was seen in chase the 20. We are all three vessels waited. She came in the Bay at 2 O'clock P.M. & they chased her until 5:30 O'clock & then she went out of the Bay & was going up towards Cienfuegos. Evening Mr Proctor & Buck came a board here & Brod the Bangie with us, we sang & had a good time, at 8 O'clock they went a board their own vessel & I went below & retired. So Ends this Day.
At Anchor In Soree Bay Friday Febry 5th 1858.
Friday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. So Day we have in moderate. The Boats went out on a cruise this morning & returned at 10 O'clock A.M. Afternoon the Capt took the Boat & went a board of the Bunchin, I went with him. from there Capt Hurray & myself went a board of his vessel (Witchman) He went to work & saw some Blacksmithing & us. from there we went a board of the Bunchin. The Berg Huntress running down the shore. When she got down off the Reef, we took a Boat & went a board of her. Capt Buck & Hurray was with us. At 6 O'clock she came to an anchor off Soree Bay. I had quite a good time a board of her. Capt Buck extracted a Tooth for one of the men, we stayed until 9 O'clock P.M. & then we returned a board. Our Larboard net is a board of the Bunchin, Joe & Gerich is with them. At 10 O'clock P.M. I called the watch & then retired. So Ends this Day.
At Anchor In Soree Bay Saturday Febry 6th 1858.
Saturday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This Day commences to a thick fog. After it cleared up the Larboard & Waist Boat went down the Bay on a cruise. At 9 O'clock Capt Hurray came a board of us. At 10 O'clock Allen (of Berg Huntress) came a board & stayed a short time. Afternoon quite pleasant. At 10 O'clock P.M. Mr Proctor came a long side and had a young Black Pig, that Capt Buck had presented to our Capt. He also gave Capt Allen & Capt Hurray each of them a Pig. At 12 O'clock P.M. The Huntress got under way and went down towards Ragged Head's. At 2:30 O'clock Capt Buck came a board of us & stayed the afternoon. Evening Brock came a board. At 8 O'clock April & 8 O'clock the Capt's left for the own vessels. At 8 I retired. So Ends this Day.

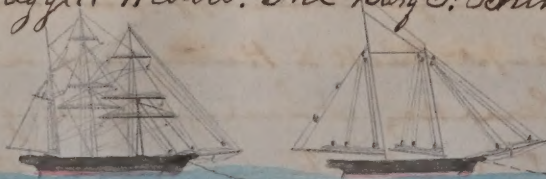
On Board Ship Barnum H. Hill

At Anchoa In Goree Bay Sunday Febry 7th 1858
Sunday morning sun & breakfasted at 7 A.M. This Day commences with fine & moderate weather. At 11 O'clock A.M. Mr. Proctor sent a boat & stepped a shell. At 11¹/₂ A.M. he returned again to the Berg. Our Capt sent a boat out to him & took dinner. Afternoon all three Boats went ashore on a Shelling expedition. There was also two Boats from the Watchman & one from the Bunchin. At 2 O'clock P.M. The Berg N.D. Chase arrived



from Cintra Bay. I got quite a large lot of Shells. from the shore we went on board the Bunchin & took dinner. we had a roast Pig for supper & I found it to be very good. Our Capt. Capt. Hus & Capt. Riches & his wife were a board of the Bunchin. They sent a boat of the N.D. Chase at 6³/₄ O'clock. Joe & myself stepped a board of the Bunchin until 9 O'clock. Mr. Proctor gave me some Rice Shells. At 9 we returned a board of our vessel all pleased. So Ends This Day.

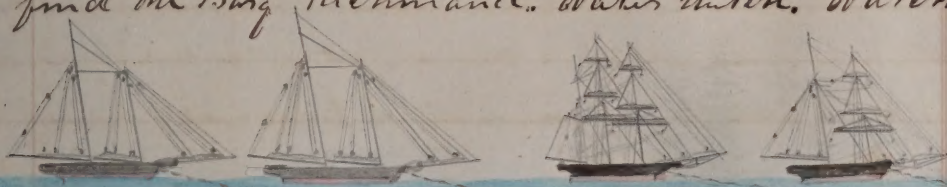
At Anchoa In Goree Bay Monday Febry 8th 1858
Monday morning sun & breakfasted at 6 A.M. We have it quite moderate & pleasant. At 10 O'clock A.M. The N.D. Chase & Watchman got underway & are bound down towards Ragged Heads. The Berg F. Bunchin & us are laying here



Afternoon quite pleasant & moderate. Mr. Linnel performed the Venturer's part by killing our little Black Pig. At 3 O'clock P.M. it sat in a thick fog & very moderate. At 4 O'clock P.M. we moved the windlass and hove up our Anchoa, and ran close in shore and anchored again. We have seen five Rollers in this Afternoon. And it being very moderate & a thick fog. it has the appearance of bringing in more Rollers. The F. Bunchin also got underway and ran close in shore and anchored. She says a head of us we have down but our Anchoa, we have got out 60 fathoms of Chain. I have been quite sick to day with the Piles. Evening After Ben Joe, Josiah & myself went down in the Stewage. The Rolling quite bad. we sang until 8 O'clock and then went back and retired until our Watch. So Ends This Day's Transactions

3 On Board Scho. Laramie H. Hill 3

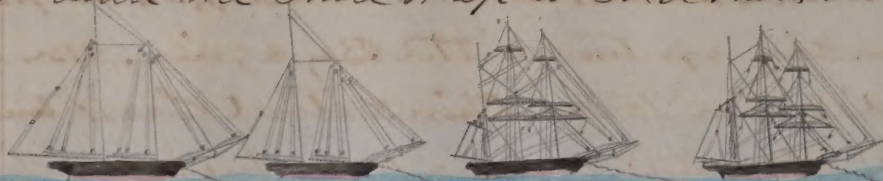
At Anchor In Gore Bay Tuesday Feb 9th 1858.
 Tuesday morning run & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This Day commences
 the pleasant weather. After breakfast we ran up the Ancher and
 hauled our Tarsail & two Gibbs & run out of the Bay, we left the
 Ancher there at Anchor all a loam. At 10 O'clock A.M. we hoisted
 Mainsail & run down the shore towards Ragged Head's. We had
 very nice dinner to day, we dined on our Roast Pig that Capt.
 McGinnis gave us a short time since. At one O'clock P.M. we passed the
 Watchman working up towards the Bay again. We ran most
 of the day to Ragged Head's & then Tacked Ship & steved back towards
 Gore Bay again. At 5 O'clock P.M. we came to an Anchor a boat five
 miles below Gore Bay. The Scho. Watchman lay at Anchor in
 sight of us. So Ends This Days Transactions with fine weather.
 At Anchor Five Miles Below Gore Bay Wednesday Feb 10th 1858.
 Wednesday morning run and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M.
 After breakfast we got underway & worked up towards Cintra Bay. At
 1 O'clock P.M. we passed Gore Bay. The Bunchman was there a loam
 the looker quite Lanesman. To Day we finished the remains of our Roast
 Pig for dinner. At 5 O'clock P.M. we came to an Anchor in Cintra
 Bay. We find the Barge Richmond. Water witch. Watchman & our self



Anchor in Cintra. The Barge Huntress is down the shore on a cruise
 evening. At 8 O'clock I retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.
 At Anchor In Cintra Bay Thursday Feb 11th 1858.
 Thursday morning run & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast all three
 boats Landed a day & went on a cruise. At 7 O'clock A.M. it sat in a thick
 fog & remained so until 10 O'clock. At 10 it commenced to clear
 a little. The Boats were all in sight. At 10 I went a Light
 stepped until 12 O'clock A.M. At 10³⁰ O'clock the Capt's Boat
 came a board. At 11 O'clock the Mate of the Barge Richmond
 came a board and stepped a short time. At 12 A.M. our
 board & Mist-Boats arrived a board. At 12 O'clock I came
 on and took dinner. Afternoon. The Scho. Watchman
 came out this morning & returned again this afternoon. At
 3 O'clock P.M. the Capt & his Boats crew went a board of the Brig
 Huntress & spent the afternoon. After Tea they returned
 a board again. At 5 O'clock I retired. So Ends This Day.

On Board Schs Parnum H. Hill

At Ancher In Cintra Bay Friday Feby 12th 1858.
Friday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This Day commences
with a thick fog. After breakfast we launched a way all three Boats and
went down the Bay on a cruise. At 10 O'clock A.M. they all returned a board
again. The Schs Watchman went out the Bay this morning, at 11 A.M.
it was blowing a fresh breeze from the North East: suppose that she
went in San Diego & Anchered, Last Saturday the Berg Hunters left here
and went down the shore & up to Gold River on a cruise she arrived



back & came to an Ancher in the Bay at 4 O'clock P.M. There is fear
of us at Ancher in the Bay. Hunters, Richmond, Water Witch & us.
Evening at 5 O'clock P.M. Capt. Silver of Brig Water Witch came a board
of us & got some Messes. he took Supper & stayed until 7 O'clock
& then returned a board of his own vessel. At 8 O'clock I retired. So Ends 3rd Day

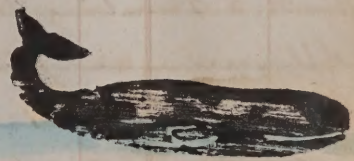
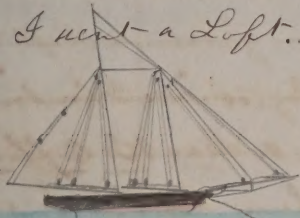
At Ancher In Cintra Bay Saturday Feby 13th 1858.
Saturday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. After having
we launched a way all three Boats & they went down the Bay on a cruise.
The Brig Water Witch got underway this morning & went out side & returned
again this Afternoon. Our Boats all returned a board at 10 O'clock P.M.
After dinner we washed off Decks & then I cleaned my Spaces. I have
had & have a Left to Day. Evening at 8 O'clock I retired. So Ends this Day

At Ancher In Cintra Bay Sunday Feby 14th 1858.
Sunday morning rose & breakfasted at 7 O'clock A.M. This Day
commences with pleasant weather & a moderate breeze from the N.E.
The Boats from the Hunters, Richmond, & Water Witch are out on
a cruise. The greater part of this Day has been spent as usual,
in reading, sleeping &c. Last Evening I finished writing three Letters
to send Home, one for my wife & one for General Lee &c. After
dinner Joe Francis carried them on board of the Brig Water Witch,
she is to leave here in a few days, bound to Fayal. At 2 O'clock
P.M. Capt. Allen of Berg Hunters & Capt. Hussey of Berg Richmond
came a board of us & spent the Afternoon. Mr. Hopkins to his
boat & went a board of the Richmond. After 3 O'clock Allen &
Hussey and a board of their own vessels. Capt. Silver of Brig Water Witch
came a board of us & stayed a short time. At 7 O'clock P.M. our Boats all
went. At 8 O'clock P.M. I retired until my watch. So Ends this Day.

3 On Board Scho. Varnum H. Hill 3

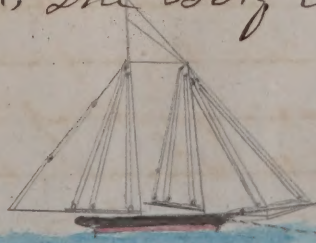
At Anchor In Christa Bay Monday Feb 15th 1858.
Monday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast we got
away. We saw at 10 o'clock, we ran down towards Serre Bay. At 8 O'clock
the West Boat hauled a net & sent off on a cruise. At 2 O'clock she
hauled a barrel again. At 3³⁰ O'clock P.M. we came to an anchor in Serre
Bay. We are the only vessel at anchor in the Bay, and I find it looks
like Luensan. Evening at 8 O'clock my first watch. I stood until 10 & then retired.

At Anchor In Serre Bay Tuesday Feb 16th 1858
Tuesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. After breakfast
Capt Lowell the Starboard Boat and went down the Bay on a cruise.
At 8 O'clock we went to work and ran a purchase & set up the jib stay.
This dinner I sent a Loft. At 2 O'clock P.M. I saw a Whale in the Bay.



Lowell a net the Starboard Boat & she went out to try to catch a barrel
in. She seemed to be very shy. After the Starboard Boat & been out a
short time, she started to go out of the Bay. We then hauled away the
Starboard & West Boats & then they went in chase, but she gave them the slip.
A net out side the Reef & away she went off stern. The Boats chased
while & at last lost sight of her. At 4 O'clock they came a barrel & took dinner.
Evening. At 8 O'clock P.M. I retired until my watch. So Ends this Day.

At Anchor In Serre Bay Wednesday Feb 17th 1858
Wednesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast we
hauled a net all three Boats & they went down the Bay on a cruise
& saw at a thick fog this morning. The Boats returned
board at 11 O'clock A.M. Afternoon quite pleasant. After dinner
I worked some Paints, and our watch was employed in painting
hips. I finished at 4 O'clock & then sent a Loft & stayed until
dinner. At 5³⁰ O'clock P.M. The Berg N.D. Charr (Capt. Riddle)



in the Bay, and came to an anchor close by us. We are
the only vessels in Serre Bay. Evening, my first watch,
stood until 10 O'clock and called the other watch and
then went below and retired. So Ends this Day's Transaction.

On Board Ship, Harman H. Hill

At Anchor In Corea Bay Thursday Feb^y 18th / 58
Thursday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day commences with fine weather & a moderate breeze from the N.E. The Berg N.D. Cha got underway this morning & has gone up to Cintra Bay. After breakfast I went to work & mixed some Paints. Both Watchmen have been employed in painting Ship to day. Afternoon we have a very fresh breeze from the N.E. After dinner I went a-Loft & stayed until 2 O'clock P.M. Evening at 8 O'clock I retired. So Ends 2^d

At Anchor In Corea Bay Friday Feb^y 19th 1858
Friday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day commences with a fresh breeze from the N.E. At 8 O'clock A.M. I went a-Loft & stayed until 10 O'clock. After I came down from a Loft I went to work & painting the Haver. all hands employed in painting Ship. Afternoon we finished painting the Haver & Cook's Office. At 4 O'clock P.M. I went a-Loft; but I had not been there but a few minutes before the Capt. called the Loft down as it was blowing very fresh. At 6 O'clock this Evening 3rd Capt. saw a Whale in the Bay. she came close by us & spouted several times, but it being quite dark & blowing so fresh a breeze, that we did not draw any on boats. Evening at 8 O'clock my first watch, I stayed until 10 & then retired. So Ends 3rd

At Anchor In Corea Bay Saturday Feb^y 20th 1858
Saturday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day commences with the fresh breeze blowing from the N.E. I expect the Berg & Brunsmin, and the Watchman left the Coast the first part of this week, and have gone to the Cape de Verde, we have not seen anything of them since Monday. To day we had some Roast Beef for dinner. After dinner I went a-Loft & stayed until 2 O'clock. I saw a Spanish Fisherman (Brig) pass down by the Bay this Afternoon. Evening at 8 O'clock I retired until my watch. So Ends 4th

At Anchor In Corea Bay Sunday Feb^y 21st 1858
Sunday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. this day commences with fresh breezes from the North East. After breakfast I got out some old Papers & the Boys of us went down in the Stowage and improved a great part of this forenoon in reading. At 11 O'clock A.M. we took dinner. we partook of the last Potatoes to day for dinner. Afternoon, wind blowing very fresh we are at Anchor In Corea Bay all a day & I find it to be quite pleasant. This Afternoon has been occupied in Reading, Sleeping & etc. Evening at 8 O'clock P.M. I retired until my watch. So Ends This Day's Transactions.

On Board Schooner, Vassar, H. Hill

At Anchor In Goree Bay Monday Feb'y 22nd 1858
Monday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast
went a Loft & stayed until 8 O'clock. It is blowing a very fresh breeze from
the North East. We have been employed this forenoon in painting Ship
side, we painted from the Copper to the Rail. Afternoon. At 2 O'clock
P.M. I went a Loft & stayed until 4. Evening, at 8 retired. So Ends This Day.

At Anchor In Goree Bay Tuesday Feb'y 23rd 1858
Tuesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. We are out from Home
line, Monday 30 Day, This Day commences with a fresh breeze from the
North East. At 8 O'clock A.M. The Waist Boat's crew went a shore. The Capt-
ain went with them. Joseph Francis & myself commenced to paint the
starboard side this morning. We rigged the Stage over board, but it blowing so
hard it kept the stage under water a great part of the time, so we had to
give up the idea of painting this forenoon. At 10 O'clock A.M. I went a Loft & stayed
until 12. Then I came down & took dinner. At 12³⁰ O'clock the Boat returned
board, Joseph picked up a quantity of Shells & we are going to dine
out between the gun of us. And when I go a Shadling I shall do the same.
Afternoon, nothing doing. Evening. At 8 O'clock P.M. I retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.

At Anchor In Goree Bay Wednesday Feb'y 24th 1858
Wednesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This Day,
commences with a very fresh breeze from the N.E. After breakfast I went a Loft and
stayed until 8 O'clock. I found it was very cold a Loft this morning. There is nothing
doing a Loft 30 Day. Mr Freeman is employed in making Silver Rings.
The wind blowing very fresh. At 2 O'clock I went a Loft & stayed until 4. We had no
work after 4 O'clock. After Tea we have shot on the small chain & let go our
starboard Anchor. We have a very fresh breeze the Evening. After we had
dinner the Starboard Anchor, Joseph & myself went down into
the Storage & sang & talked a bout Home until 8 O'clock. Then the
Boat came & I went below & retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.

At Anchor In Goree Bay Thursday Feb'y 25th 1858
Thursday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. A strong breeze blowing
from the N.E. At 8 O'clock A.M. we rigged our Stage over the starboard side
finished painting the Bend's. At 10 O'clock A.M. I went a Loft and stayed
until 12 O'clock, and then I came down and took dinner. Afternoon
after dinner I employed myself in mending my old Black Pants,
I occupied all this Afternoon to mend them. At 4 O'clock P.M. The
Boat came a way, as it was blowing very fresh. So we had up no
Loft. After 4 O'clock P.M. Evening. We went down into the Storage &
stayed until 8 O'clock & then I retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.

3 On Board S^d Varnum H. Hill.

At Anchor In Goree Bay Friday Feb^y 26th 1858.
Friday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast I sent
a Lt. At Sun Rise I saw a whale up in the Head of the Bay. She was
close in shore, we loomed a way, all three Boats & went in pursuit of her.
At 3 O'clock A.M. The Landward Boat went on & fastened, she was close down



In the Reef when they fastened, but she ran up by the vessel & went up
in the Head of the Bay again & the Starboard & Waist Boats came up then
& then they killed her. At 10³⁰ A.M. we had her a long sick. After we had
secured her a long sick we took dinner. Afternoon. After dinner we
rigged up our cutting, purchased & commenced cutting in. At 5 O'clock P.M. we
had her all in the Blubber Room & Decks washed off & cutting purchased
~~sent down &c. we then took 3m. Evening I retired. So Ends This Day.~~

3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Saturday 27th 1858.
Saturday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After Breakfast we made
preparations to fire up under the works. At 8 O'clock A.M. Our Watch was
employed in clearing Bone. At 10 O'clock I sent a Lt & stepped until
12. Afternoon it was blowing so fresh that we did not haul up any



Lt. Our Watch at the works this Afternoon. We think the Whale
will make a but 35 Bbls of Oil. At 5³⁰ O'clock we took 3m. At 8 O'clock
P.M. our Watch at the works, we stepped until 12 then called the other
Watch & went below & retired until 4 O'clock, So Ends This Day.

At Anchor In Goree Bay Sunday Feb^y 28th 1858.
Sunday morning our Watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. We went to the work
and stepped until 8, & then went below & breakfasted. Our Watch below this forenoon.
After breakfast I retired. At 10³⁰ O'clock A.M. The Barge, N. D. Chace came



at Anchor in the Bay, Capt. Riches sent a board of us & took dinner. He
not stop but a short time! Afternoon we went to the works & stepped until 4
After 3m we went to the works & finished Baling at 1 O'clock P.M. 2m Whale made
a but 20 Bbls of Oil. Evening. Mr. Housers came a board & stepped until 9 O'clock
Aaron Riches came with him. At 9³⁰ O'clock I retired. So Ends The Last Day of Feb^y

On Board Ship Warren H. Hill

At Anchor In Sorel Bay Monday March 17th 1858
Monday morning run & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast
found a way all three Boats & the N.D. Chace found a way too. The Chase
is an mated. At 8 O'clock A.M. The saw a Whale outside of the Reef & they
went until 12 O'clock. They did not get her, she ran to fast for them. The
a Hump Back. Afternoon there was a Whale run from the
on, we found a way all three Boats & went out & chased until dark.
could not get at her. The Boats all returned a board at 7 P.M. The
saw that it is the largest Whale that he ever has seen. He thought
it she would make 2 or 3 bbls of Oil. Evening. Capt. Miles came
board & stayed until 9 O'clock. There has been a Rat excitement
evening. Mr. Rat had taken his quarters in the Miss-Betty
they all tried to catch him, but Mr. Rat did not feel disposed
to run, so they found a way the Boat & dropped her a stern.
I suppose they will catch Mr. Rat in the morning. This evening
first water. I stood until 10 & then retired. This has been a very
day. I have had 10¹/₂ Hours Left to Day. So Ends This Day.

At Anchor In Sorel Bay Tuesday March 21st 1858
Tuesday morning run & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast our Boats
went a way & went on a cruise. We have it very pleasant to Day. Our Boats
did not return until 2 O'clock P.M. At 10 O'clock A.M. The Berg N.D. Chace
under way & tried to get out of the Bay, but it being so very much
he made rather slow progress. After our Boats came a board, our
all took dinner & then all three Boats started a chase to get some
all at. They had got a share & got the Boats a boat half full
Ballast, when I saw the Berg N.D. Chace Boats turn a way at side
the Reef. In a few minutes I saw the Whale. I signaled to our

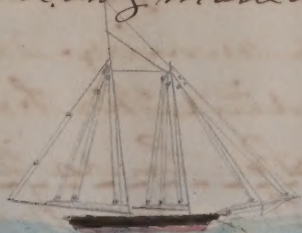


Boats & they started to come a board loaded with Ballast. But before
they arrived at the vessel, the two board Boats was fast to him and
they killed her in 10 minutes time. After our Boats arrived a board
they were loaded & went a share & left off more Ballast. The Berg came to an
anchor outside of the Reef & commenced eating her in, I think she
is a very small Whale. Evening there was two Snuffers came
along side of us, The Capt. shot one of them & when they went
to get him, they fastened to the other & so they saved both of them.
At 8 O'clock I retired until my watch. So Ends This Day
I have had 10 Hours a Left to Day.

3 On Board The Cassin H. Hill

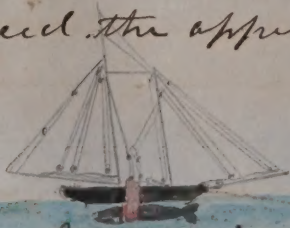
3 At Anchor In Force Bay Wednesday March 3rd 1858.
Wednesday morning sun & breakfast at 6 A.M. This day commences with a
very moderate breeze. After breakfast all three Boats landed a way & went down
the Bay on a cruise. At 10 O'clock they all returned. Afternoon very pleasant. At
dinner we landed a way the Starboard Boat & went out again. I went out with the
as one of the Boats crew was small {Richard Murry} went up to the buoy
N.D. Chaser & stayed a while. She was eating in a hole that they took
yesterday. From there we cruised a while & then returned a board at 5 P.M.
Evening my first watch. I stood until 10 then retired. So Ends This Day.

3 At Anchor In Force Bay Thursday March 4th 1858.
Thursday morning sun & breakfast at 6 A.M. Landed a way all
three Boats & went down the Shore on a cruise. The N.D. Chaser is
underway. She is bound down to Ragged Heads. At 12 O'clock A.M. all our Boats
returned a board. They mended the windlers & were up before dinner.



They had captured a whale & she sank a but 9 miles below Force Bay.
We arrived down to her at 4 O'clock P.M. & went out & tried to raise her. But we
parted one of the lines & so we gave it up & came a board & took dinner.
We are laying at anchor close by her. At 8 O'clock I retired. So Ends This Day.

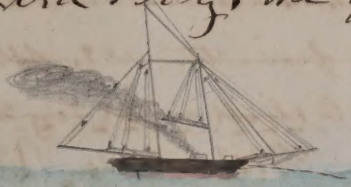
At Anchor Nine Miles Below Force Bay Friday March 5th 1858
Friday morning sun & breakfast at 6 A.M. After breakfast the
Starboard & Main Boat went down the Shore on a cruise. At 11 O'clock
A.M. we went out in the Boats & grappled up the whale & took her
a long side & then went below to dinner. Afternoon at 12 O'clock
P.M. we commenced the operation of cutting her in. There is a



very heavy swell running in shore & she is rolling very bad.
At 5 O'clock P.M. we had her all in boards & decks swept &
then went below & took dinner. It is a Cow Whale & I think that
she will make a but 20 Bbls. We are not a going to set
marks a going this Evening. But we are a going to stand guard
watched & mine blubbers. My first watch I stood until
10 O'clock and then called the other watch and went
below & retired. So Ends This Days Transactions

On Board Ship Vassar H. Hill

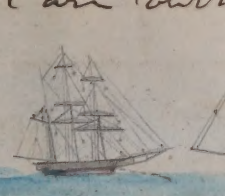
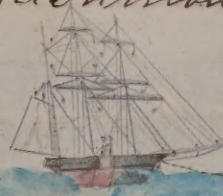
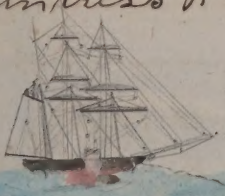
At Ancho 3 Miles Below Goree Bay Saturday March 6th
Saturday morning the Landward watch was called at 4 o'clock
A.M. We got up fire under the works & commenced Bailing. At
eleven took breakfast. After breakfast we got underway & worked
down to Cintra Bay. We find the Berg. Hunters & Richmond



anchors in the Bay. Three Boats were out & they were
two Whales. At 5 o'clock P.M. we came to an anchor. Evening
watch below water 12 o'clock. So ends this days transaction.

At Ancho In Cintra Bay Sunday March 7th

Sunday morning our watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. we went to the
works & stayed until 6 o'clock & then we breakfasted. While we were at
breakfast the other watch finished Bailing. After breakfast our watch
went to work scraping Decks & cleaning up ship. At 9 A.M. our
watch went on board the Berg. Hunters. At 10 A.M. there was a
hole in the Bay. The Hunters & Richmond's Boats were
there of her, but they did not get her. At 11 A.M. we had
the Decks scraped & washed off. At 12 A.M. the Berg. N.D. & her arrived
from Ragged Head's. She says at Ancho close by us. Afternoon
the Berg. Hunters & Richmond are both cutting in a whale.



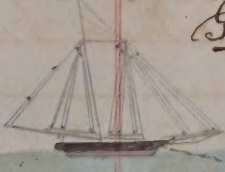
evening we finished running down the Oil. we now have 40 bbls of Whale
oil. This whale made 20 bbls. At 8 o'clock I retired. So ends this day's

At Ancho In Cintra Bay Monday March 8th

Sunday morning we got underway at 6 A.M. The Boats lowered away. They had not seen
a whale since they saw a whale in the Bay. All the Berg's Boats were in chase.
Main Boat went on close to him. The Boatsterns (Whips) fired but did not fasten.
By then chased the whale out side the Reef, she went off shore & they gave her up. The Hunters
boats & our Boats went down the shore & ran down with the wind a head of them. At 10 A.M. I
saw a whale & signalled to the Boats & they all went in chase of her & she went off shore & they
did not get her. We kept on our course & ran down the shore. At 4 P.M. we came to

Cintra Bay

Goree Bay



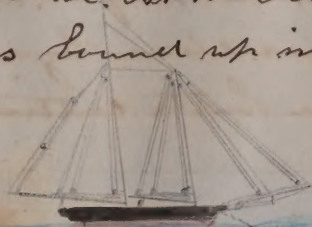
Ancho In Goree Bay. At 4 o'clock Philip (an Cabin boy) was a Loft & he saw a
whale out side the Reef. our Boats lowered & went in chase of her, she seemed to be very much
winded. Boats went on top of her. The Boatsterns fired but did not fasten. Our Boats
in return fired a broadside at 6 P.M. Our Capt. says that she was a 15 bbl whale & the one that
he fired at this morning was a 34 bbl whale. We have chased three whales
by but have got none. The Boats returned a broadside at 6 o'clock & then took
the Hunters, Richmond & N.D. Chase an anchor in Cintra Bay. We are now
Ancho In Goree Bay & I am in hopes that we shall get a large whale to-morrow
morning. At 8 o'clock P.M. I retired under my watch. So ends this day's transaction.

3 On Board The Vassar H. Hill

3 At Anchos In Goree Bay Tuesday March 9th 1858. 3
Tuesday morning run & breakfasted at 5:30 clock A.M. After breakfast we went
off Deck & then they lowered a very old three masted & sent down as far as Stony Point
on a cruise. We saw a number of birds from the North East this morning
They boats all returned a board at 10 clock P.M. I have had 7² Hours a Left
to day. Afternoon wind blowing very fresh from the N.E. After dinner I mended
my old Oil Pans. Evening I retired at 8 O'clock until my watch. So Ends 3rd Day.

3 At Anchos In Goree Bay Wednesday March 10th 1858. 3
Wednesday morning run & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day commences with
a fresh breeze from the N.E. After breakfast all three Boats lowered a way & went
down the Bay on a cruise. They did not see no Whales but saw a number of
Porpoises. At 9:30 clock A.M. The Starboard & Waist Boats arrived a board. The Capt
Boat came a board. Shipwrecked. He carried a way his Boat's Mast. The Larboard
Boats went a shore & arrived a board at 12 A.M. Afternoon a very fresh breeze. At
I went a Left & stayed until 4 O'clock P.M. Evening at 8 I retired. So Ends 3rd Day.

3 At Anchos In Goree Bay Thursday March 11th 1858. 3
Thursday morning run & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast the
Larboard & Starboard Boats lowered a way & went down the Bay on a cruise
The Waist Boat did not leave this morning At 9:30 clock both Boats
returned a board. At 10:30 clock A.M. Mr Hopkins saw a Whale off
Deck. She was bound up in the Head of the Bay. She worked close



in shore. our Boats all lowered a way & went in pursuit of
her. She had a close in shore at times & I did not think there
was any chance for her to clear herself. But at last she turned
off shore & she gave them a long pull to the windward. She was
bound straight off to the Reef. They chased her out side & it was so
rough they had to give her up. They returned a board at 10
P.M. Afternoon a fresh breeze. Evening at 8:30 clock P.M. we let the
Starboard Anchor go. we were now riding with 2nd Anchor a head.

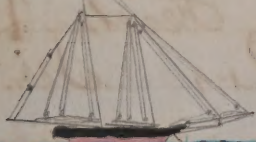
3 At Anchos In Goree Bay Friday March 12th 1858. 3
Friday morning run & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day commences
with strong winds from the N.E. I went a Left after breakfast & stay
ed until 8 O'clock since 8 A.M. we have had no Left up as it
is blowing a driving Gale of Wind. This Afternoon I mended
one of my Flannel Shirts. Evening I wrote up my Journal
and retired at 8 O'clock. So Ends 3rd Day with Bush Isles.

3 On Board Ship Barren H. Hill

3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Saturday 13th 1858.
Saturday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This Day
commenced with the Trades blowing fresh from the N.E. After breakfast we
hired off Deck. There was no Light up until 10 O'clock as it was blowing
fresh gale. At 10 I went up & stayed until 12 & then I came down & took dinner.
Had fresh meat for dinner to day. Afternoon quite moderate. There is nothing
on Deck to day. Evening. At 8 O'clock P.M. I retired. So Ends This Day.

3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Sunday March 14th 1858.
Sunday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. This Day opened
with fine weather & a moderate breeze from the N.E. After breakfast both watches
went on shore & picked up some Shells. our watch returned a boat at 12
M. & took dinner. The Starboard watch returned a boat at 3 O'clock P.M.
turning very pleasant. It is Joseph Francis birth Day. he is 20 years
old to day. Evening. very pleasant. At 8 I retired with my watch. So Ends

3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Monday March 15th 1858.
Monday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This Day opened
with fine weather & moderate breeze from the Westward. After breakfast
the three Boats commenced a regatta & went on a cruise. The Starboard and
the Leeward Boats went down towards Ragged Heads. The Wind-
ward went up towards Cinnamon Bay. At 8 A.M. there was a whale off
the Reef. The Wind-Boat was coming down the Reef. I signalled to



and they saw her & went on & fastened & killed her before the other
boats saw them. At 2 O'clock P.M. the Starboard & Leeward Boats arrived
with the whale & it being moderate anchored at side the Reef. So Ends to day.

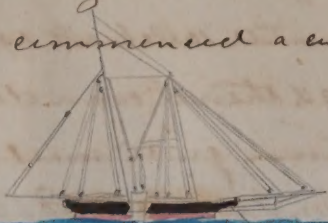
3 At Anchor Two Miles Off Goree Bay Tuesday March 16th 1858.
Tuesday morning the Boats went off on a cruise. This Day is very
pleasant & calm. we are laying by the whale & waiting for the



rise. At 2 O'clock P.M. the Boats returned a boat. After dinner they
went out & tried to grapple up the whale, but they could not
raise her & so they gave her up. They then came a boat
rigged up for cutting purchases. Evening. At 8 O'clock P.M.
I retired with my watch. The whale has not come up yet.
I think she will before morning. So Ends This Days work.

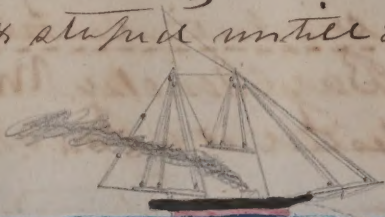
On Board Ship Tarnum H. Hill

At Anchoa Two Miles Off Soree Bay Wednesday March 17th
Wednesday morning we breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day commences
with a very moderate breeze. Last evening the whale ran at 9 O'clock P.M.
This morning we commenced cutting her in. I think she will make



a but 40 Bbls of Oil. We finished cutting in at 11 1/2 O'clock A.M. & then ran
up our anchors & run into Soree Bay. At 12 O'clock P.M. we set
the marks a going. Evening our first watch at the marks. we stopped
at the marks until 12 then called the other watch & retired. So Ends 3rd Day

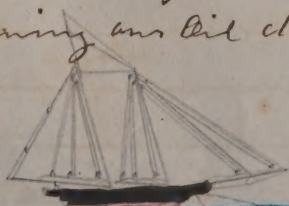
At Anchoa In Soree Bay Thursday March 18th 1858
Thursday morning our watch was called at 4 A.M. we went to
the marks & stopped until 8 & then went below to take breakfast.



We have fine & beautiful weather to day. After breakfast we got up
some duck casks & then went below. I retired until 12 A.M.
Afternoon very pleasant. Our watch to the marks. Evening at 8 P.M.
Our watch below until 12 O'clock. So Ends 3rd Day's work.

At Anchoa In Soree Bay Friday March 19th 1858
Friday morning our watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. This day commences
with fine weather. At 8 A.M. I went on deck. we finished Bailing at 10 A.M.
we then went to work & cleaned Bow. Afternoon we commenced to
run down Oil. we run down nine Casks. Evening wind blowing
very fresh we let go the Starboard Anchor. My first watch. At 10 P.M.
I called the other watch & then retired. So Ends 3rd Day.

At Anchoa In Soree Bay Saturday March 20th 1858
Saturday morning ran & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast
we finished running our Oil down. The whale made 55 Bbls of Oil.



Afternoon we cleaned up & washed off. we then ran up & run
into the head of the Bay & anchored. At 4 P.M. Frank ran a whale
in the Bay. we lowered away all three Boats & chased her, but she
gave. Then the ship & went out side the reef & they had to give her
up. Evening I retired until my watch. So Ends 3rd Day.

On Board Ship Barrum H. Hill

At Anchos In Soree Bay Sunday March 21st 1858.
Sunday morning run & breakfast at 7 o'clock A.M. This day
commences with a strong breeze from the N.E. After breakfast
wrote up my Journal. This day has been spent in reading
sleeping. Evening at 8 o'clock P.M. I retired until my watch.

At Anchos In Soree Bay Monday March 22nd 1858.
Monday morning run & breakfast at 6 o'clock A.M. This day opens
with a fresh breeze from the N.E. At 10 o'clock A.M. yesterday (Sunday) Mr
Harris came down from Lintra Bay. He says there has been eight
whales seen in Lintra Bay since we left & one small whale had
been taken by the Hunters. At 5³⁰ o'clock P.M. yesterday. The Steamer &
Harris had some trouble. The Capt. put the cook in Irons.

At 6 P.M. today he took him out of Irons & he is at work a cook
again. Evening at 8 I retired until my watch. So ends today.

At Anchos In Soree Bay Tuesday March 23rd 1858.
Tuesday morning run & breakfast at 6 A.M. We are now
10 miles from Home 10 months to day, we have a fresh breeze to day.
The Capt. & Mr. Hopkins are been employed to day in calking the
masted Deck. At 2 P.M. I was bailing some Beer & it got a fire & burnt
my Hand quite bad. Evening. At 8 I retired until my watch, but I
did not sleep the first part as my Hand pained me bad. So ends today.

At Anchos In Soree Bay Wednesday March 24th 1858.
Wednesday morning very pleasant. At 6 A.M. all three Boats hoisted & went off
on the Reef. At 10 A.M. I saw a Whale down the Bay. I signaled for
the Boats & they came in & were playing off the Mitchell Reef. But
when the Boats had arrived down to the Reef, she did not
seem to make any play at all. Ten minutes before the Boats
had arrived down to the she was laying on her side of the water
had been in that position for 20 minutes. After the Boats came
up she started & worked to the Windward & she went very quick. They
hauled her until 2 P.M. & it was growing rough & they had to give her up.
As the Boats were returning a land. The Blackboard Boat killed



Perkins, one was a very large one. At 2³⁰ P.M. The Capt. put Scully in
Irons for stealing Shroud. Evening at 8 P.M. I retired. So ends this day.
I have had eight Hours a day to day.

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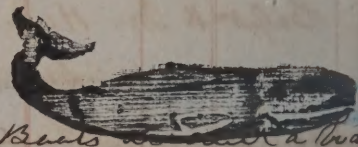
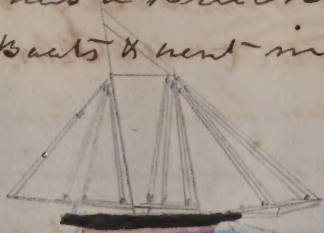
3 On Board Ship Tammam H. Hill.

3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Thursday March 25th 1858.

Thursday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. The Capt took
Scurvy out of Irons before breakfast. After breakfast the Larboard & Waist
Boats went down the Bay on a cruise. At 9 A.M. the Capt - summoned a boy his
Boat & sent a skin & kept a board some clay to fix the Plugs to the
Dry works. Evening. After Sun Mr Hapkins, Mr Freeman & Joe and
a skin to Hunt for Kay bates. After Sun I sent a Laft. saw an
Oaral swimming down the Shore. I supposed that she was a Spanish
Firmman. At 8 P.M. I retired until my watch. At 11 O'clock P.M. the
Kay bates Hunter's arrived! but they had no Skin! So Ends 3rd Day.

3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Friday March 26th 1858.

Friday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This Day opens with
a fresh breeze from the N.E. After breakfast I sent a Laft. At 8 A.M. Billy saw
a Whale. She was a but one mile out side of the Reef. When he first
saw her she was a Breaching and her whole length. We hurried on
my all three Boats & went in pursuit of her. but in news saw



after we passed the Reef. It was blowing very fresh. The Boats went out a board
at 10 A.M. Afternoon we fired up under the works & Bailed the Porpoise
Evening. At 8 P.M. I retired So Ends 3rd Day. I have had 6 Hours Left to Day.

3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Saturday March 27th 1858.

Saturday morning rose and breakfasted at 6 O'clock A.M. This Day
commence with a moderate breeze from the N.E. After breakfast we
washed off Decks. At 7 A.M. the Wind breezed up very fresh from the
N.E. and continued so during the Day. This forenoon our watch was
employed in Scraping the Main Deck. At 10 A.M. I sent a Laft. we had
Roast Chicken for dinner to Day. Afternoon wind blowing very fresh.
After Sun I sent a Laft & stayed until Sunset. So Ends This Day.

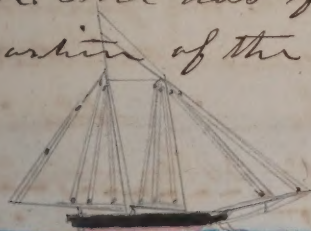
3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Sunday March 28th 1858.

Sunday morning rose & breakfasted at 7 A.M. This Day commence
with a very fresh breeze from the N.E. After breakfast I had my Hair
cut - Mr W. West performed the Barber's Art. This forenoon has been
occupied in Reading & Sleeping. Afternoon the Capt. Mr Hapkins
Joe sent a skin. At 5 O'clock P.M. they returned a board & took 3
Evening blowing very fresh. we are riding with both Ankers a
head, so I think we cannot feel no harm. At 8 O'clock P.M. I sent
below & retired until my watch. So Ends This Sunday's Transactions

On Board the Parrish H. Hill.

At Anchoa In Soree Bay Monday March 29th 1858.
Monday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This Day opened
a fresh breeze from the N.E. At 8 A.M. I sent a Lt. I have been
work this forenoon making a shelf to put up in my birth.
tunnel blowing very fresh. Evening my first watch. At 10 I called
other watch & then went below & retired. So Ends this Day.

At Anchoa In Soree Bay Tuesday March 30th 1858.
Tuesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. It is blowing very
fresh from the N.E. At 7 A.M. one of the Bays (Dublin) ran a whale in the
bay. At 20 minutes of 8 the Starboard & Larboard Boats lowered. At 10 minutes
of 8 the Waist Boat lowered. The Whale came up to the middle of
then she made a stop & played a round then. She seemed to be
very shy. At 12 A.M. the Waist Boat went on & fastened. The Whale
in shore & then she ran down over the Reef & started to the
inland. She was full of fight & kept her Tail in the
great portion of the time. The Starboard Boat went up & Mr.



seaman took three Irons & threw into her. She started then
on struck the whale, she ran her Tail & stem in the Bows
the Waist Boat. So we have lost the Waist Boat with all
her fittings Iron, Irons, Lances &c. After a long struggle with
her they took her line at last. It was very rough & the Boats
at been out of my seeing since 12 A.M. I felt very uneasy
but then as it was blowing very fresh & rough. The Whale
a boat 5 miles out from the Reef. They call her a boat 30 kbls.
P.M. The Starboard & Larboard Boats returned with the Waist Boat
on. They were all wet & had a very hard time. In morning
upon that we shall go out to look for the Whale. So Ends this Day.

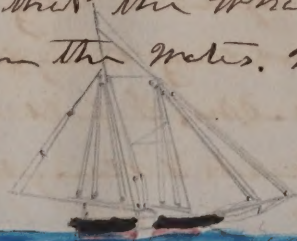
At Anchoa In Soree Bay Wednesday March 31st 1858.
This Day commences with a very fresh breeze from the N. East.
At breakfast we engaged Reefed our Mainsail & then up our
anchors & went to look for our Whale. After we stood off shore
doubled Reefed our Mainsail & hoisted it. we cruised off
until 2 O'clock P.M. But we could not find her,
we had to give her up as the wind was blowing very
fresh. At 2 O'clock P.M. we came to an Anchoa in Soree Bay.
Evening my first watch. At 10 I retired. So Ends this Day.

3 On Board Lhs Varnum H. Hill

3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Thursday April 1st 1858
Thursday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day commenced with a fresh breeze from the N.E. After breakfast the waist Boats crew went a shore & walked down to Stony Point, to see if they could ^{see} vary prices of them boat a long shore. After they had given a shore we took the Stern Boat on Deck & commenced to repair her. They are a going to haul for the waist Boat. Afternoon I have been to work & built a Box on the Stern to keep my Spades in. At 5 P.M. the Boats crew arrived; they did not bring me Biddings of the Boat. We have all been employed in repairing the Stern Boat to day. Evening blowing very fresh. At 6 P.M. we let go the other anchor.

At 8 O'clock P.M. I retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.
3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Friday April 2^d 1858.
Friday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day commenced with a fresh breeze from the N.E. we finished repairing the Stern Boat this morning. Afternoon Mr. Freeman painted her. I painted my Log Plate with Blue Paint. Evening blowing fresh my first watch. At 10 P.M. I retired. So Ends This Day's transaction.

3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Saturday April 3^d 1858.
Saturday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day commenced with fine weather & a moderate breeze. After breakfast the Larboard & Starboard Boats hauled away. At 10³⁰ A.M. they both returned & but Biddings that the whole we had the other day had rose & was a fleet in the water. We got underway & went out & found



her into the Bay & commenced cutting in at 3³⁰ O'clock P.M. She had lost all her beam. we finished cutting at 7 P.M. & then went below to sleep. After sleep our watch retired until 12 P.M. Put the work a going at 5 P.M. So Ends This Day's work.

3 At Anchor In Goree Bay Sunday April 4th 1858.
We have a fresh breeze our watch at the works this forenoon



Afternoon our watch below. After dinner our watch retired until 4 P.M. At 8 P.M. our watch at the works we finished Bailing at 12⁰⁰ then called the quarters watch & retired. So Ends This Day's work.

3 Closing Remarks Of My Journal. 3 {Our Voyage}

Our voyage has at last arrived to the Stage of Termination. In closing the last-remarks of my Journal, I will first say that we have been absent from our Home Fifteen months and twenty three Days. Although we have not been quite so successful as some others that sailed from Home a long time that we have yet. I suppose that we should be contented with our lot. For a contented mind is a continual feast. As regards Health. We have all enjoyed that Precious Blessing. Still there has been times when we all have felt some what disagreeable and had ill humors, but not of a serious nature. There has been but one of our Company that complained of a lingering disease. He was landed at Fayal (Western Islands) last-1858. Again! There has been at times when we have felt more or less Discouraged; But we have looked for the Day! Fortune has not favored us quite so much as it has some of our Neighbors! Yet I suppose that we should be well with our Portion. Again. There has been at times when Providence were a long to smile on us in our "wasteful" pursuits, Still it were like building Large Castles in the Air! in a short space of time they all vanished.

Our Capt and Officers have ever been found faithful to their profession. We for the last Fifteen months and 23 Days have been tied together in this frail Barge of ours. Yet; There has been at times when our Voyage has looked to us prosperous. Again, it has looked to us like a long and weary Road that has no Turn. Still! we have been quite successful in seeing "Hales" But not so in capturing them.

If I am not mistaken. I think that we have seen 10
Whales Eleven Times, and captured them five. We have
taken Eight-Sperm Whales which made us One Hundred
And Seventy Bbls of Oil. We also have taken four Rite Whales
which made us One Hundred And Twenty Bbls of Oil. Our
Provisions are been of Good Quality! Great-Quantity! and
Enough to last. The Sabbath has been spent in
reading useful Books, Papers, &c. &c. And now I think
that I have already said enough as regards our
Voyage. And now in drawing this subject to a close I
would say to our Captⁿ and Officers. That what ever
may be their calling in their worldly pursuits, May
Success ever crown their wishes! May Peace, Happiness
and Prosperity attend them. And in that Eternal
World, a Crown of unfading Glories may Deck their
Breasts. And now as we part: if we are never more
permitted to meet again in this World: May we all
be prepared to meet a round That Blow Waste
Thru Of Christ: when parting will be no more.

As I have addressed
the above subject to the Captⁿ & Officers, I will now in
closing say a few Brief lines to our Boatstewards, I will
place the same in Poetical form.

To The Boatsteers Of The Scho. V. H. Hill

We have long been tied together!
In this frail Berg of ice.
We now to our Homes are going,
We trust in a few Brief Hours:
We have cruised the North Atlantic!
Sperm Whales there far to find,
Yet have not been successful,
So some engaged in our line.
So now we'll be contented,
With what little we have taken,
And if you ever a Whaling go,
You will never be forgotten.
Now Mr Linnell, Jos. & Josiah,
They to their Homes will go!
We trust they will meet their friends all well;
But yet! we do not know,
Our Friends will gladly meet us,
If they are live and well,
And joyfully they'll greet us,
And yet! no Heart can tell,
Our Voyage it now is over,
We are going far to stay,
At Home this coming winter
And not in Bare Bay!

I have told their names all off in Rhyme
And now I will tell a Ditty:
Mr Linnell lives in Orleans,
Joe Francis. in Lisbon City.

Our Voyage is now is ended.
My Journal I have filled:
With all the Daily Transactions;
On board of the Verrum. H. Hill;
So now I will close this Poetry;
That I have placed in Rhyme,
And if you want the other part:
Please wait some other time,
To Mr Linnell, Joe. & Josiah

I will now bid them Farewell,
And when we are called to Depart this Life!
I trust in Heaven to Quell,
I have told their names all off in Rhyme,
And that is all I'll do,
The rest I will tell some other time,
Now them I will bid Adieu;
To all that read this Poetry;
I think mistakes they'll find,
Now when I feel Poetical,
I will write some other time.

composed & written by
F. A. Smith

Nelly Gray.

Verse 1st

Shore

There's a long green valley on my old Kentucky
Where I lived with my darling Nelly Gray
A setting and a singing by the little cottage door
Where dwelt my darling Nelly Gray

Verse 2nd

When the moon was in the heavens and the
Stars were shining bright
I used to take my darling Nelly Gray
And paddle down the river in the little birch canoe
Whilst the banjo so lightly she did play

Verse 3rd

One night I went to see her she has gone the
neighbors say
The white man bound her in his chains ~~they have~~
~~taken her away~~

They have taken her to Georgia to wear her life away
As she toils in the cotton & the cane

Verse 4th

My canoe is under water & my banjo is unstrung
And I am tired of toiling any more

My eyes shall look down ward & my song shall be ^{unending}
For she has gone from my old Kentucky shore

Chorus

My darling Nelly Gray they have taken her away
And I never'll see my darling any more
I am sitting ~~and~~ by the river & I am sighing all the day
For she has gone from my old Kentucky shore

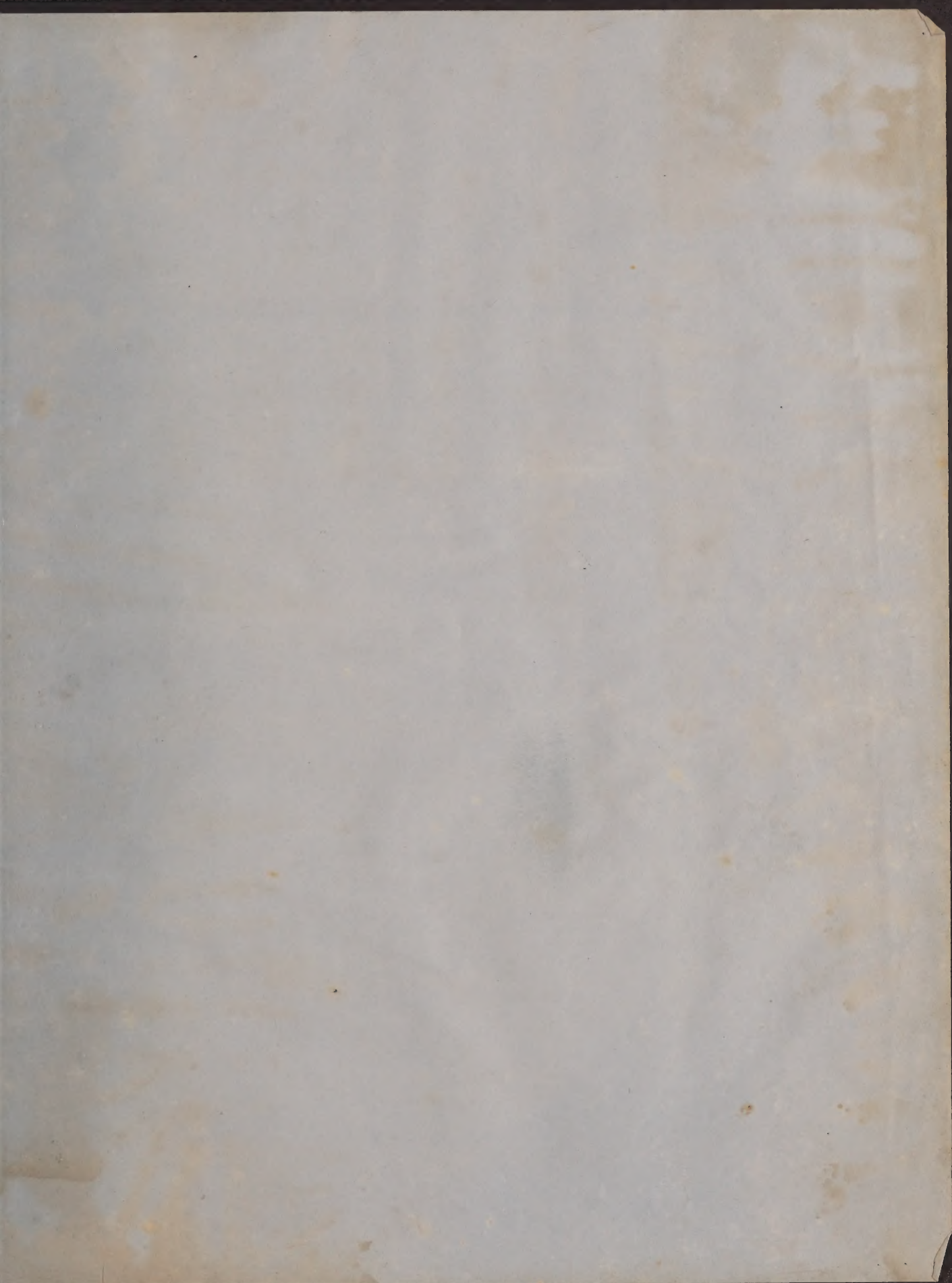
Verse 5th

My Eyes are getting blinded and I cannot see my dear
Hark there is some body knocking at the door
I hear my Banjo tuning and I see my Nelly dear
For she has gone from my old Kentucky shore

Chorus

Oh my darling Nelly Gray up in heaven there they say
That I will never see my darling any more
But I am coming coming coming whilst the
Angels clear the way
Then Farewell to my old Kentucky shore

J. Parker



On Board Ship Zarnum H. Hill

At Anchor In Sore Bay Monday April 5th 1858.
Monday morning sun & breakfasted at 6 A.M. blowing a very fresh
breeze from the N.E. After breakfast we run our Oil under Deck,
a whale made 23 Bbls of Oil. If we had got her at the time
killed her, she would make 60 Bbls. Afternoon blowing
a fresh breeze, we have no Loft up this afternoon. All hands
employed in clearing up Decks. Evening at 8 P.M. retired.

At Anchor In Sore Bay Tuesday April 6th 1858.
Tuesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day commences
with a strong breeze from the N.E. & a heavy swell heaving into
Sore Bay. After breakfast I grained all my Sprakes. At 10 A.M. I went
a Loft & stayed until 12 A.M. Afternoon, wind blowing very fresh
could not take a whale if we should see one. Evening, at 8 P.M.
went below & retired until my watch. So Ends This Day's work.

At Anchor In Sore Bay Wednesday April 7th 1858.
Wednesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This morning
is blowing very fresh from the N.E. After breakfast I went a Loft.
In this morning a large dog walking up the shore, at 8 A.M. I came
up from a Loft. This forenoon I have been making a set of 3
lines for Jasiak. Afternoon: wind still a blowing, I suppose that we
will leave the coast in a short 10 days. Evening, at 8 O'clock P.M.
went below & retired until my watch. So Ends This Day's work.

At Anchor In Sore Bay Thursday April 8th 1858.
Thursday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day commences
with a strong breeze from the N.E. At 10 A.M. I went a Loft. Afternoon
is blowing very fresh, & there are quite heavy barbers heaving into
Sore Bay. Evening, at 8 P.M. retired until my watch. So Ends This Day's work.

At Anchor In Sore Bay Friday April 9th 1858.
Friday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day opens
with a fresh breeze from the N.E. It is blowing so fresh that we
have had no Loft up this morning. This forenoon we are
mending the Main Beam & put on a new saddle. After we had repaired
the Main Beam I done some mending. Afternoon rather more
moderate, but not fitting weather to take a whale. We have no
Loft. At 2 P.M. I went a Loft. Our watch are employed in sitting
on the Fore Rigging on the Starboard side. At 4 P.M. I came from
Loft, we had no Loft up after Sun. Evening at 8 O'clock P.M. I
went below and retired until my watch. So Ends This Day.
I think we shall leave here in a few days. I am in hopes we will

Off Board Ship Varnum H Hill

3 At Anchor In Soree Bay Saturday April 10th 1858.
Saturday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This Day commences with a fresh breeze from the N.E. At 8 A.M. Mr Freeman landed a my his Wait-Bait & went on shore a Sunning. This is the first time that she has been taken off the Cranes. Mr Hopkins has been putting into the Fore Safft a Patent Button. At 12 A.M. the Wait-Bait returned. Mr Freeman had killed 14 Gulls. We had Roast Beef for dinner.

Afternoon I did some mending. Evening At 8 I retired. So Ends to.
3 At Anchor In Soree Bay Sunday April 11th 1858.
Sunday morning rose & breakfasted at 7 A.M. This Day commences with a fresh breeze from the N.E. After breakfast for took the Starboard Bait & went a Shore to Pick up Shells. I retired this forenoon. At 11^{1/2} A.M. we took dinner. We had Stewed Gulls. Afternoon, Blowing quite fresh. I took my bed clothes on Deck this Afternoon & have spent a great part of the Afternoon in Slaying & Steering Beel Bugs. I think I think I have killed some Thomson's. Evening At 8 P.M. I retired until my watch. The Starboard Bait returned at 2 P.M. Joe reports the Bay Hunters leaving Cintra Bay this Afternoon. So I emphatically that we are the only vessel at the Coast. So Ends this Day.

3 At Anchor In Soree Bay Monday April 12th 1858.
Monday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This Day commences with a fresh breeze from the N.E. At 8 A.M. I went a Left. Our Watch are to work on bending the Flying Jib for repairs. Afternoon from a Left I went to work on the Flying Jib. Afternoon the Capt landed a my the Starboard Bait & went a shore and got some Sand. Our Watch are employed on the jib making repairs mending 8 & 10. At 4 P.M. we took the Bunt off the jib. So I think that we shall have been to morning. Evening my first watch at 10 P.M. I retired. So Ends this Day's Transactions.

3 At Anchor In Soree Bay Tuesday April 13th 1858.
Tuesday morning Blowing a fresh breeze from the N.E. East. After breakfast we doubled Reefed our Mainsail & single Reefed the Fore sail & then hove up our two Anchors. This Day we took our departure from old Soree Bay. At 10 A.M. we took our last view of the Coast of Africa. We have it very run. Our course has been N. by W. during the Day. We have spent 4 months & 13 Days At the Coast of Africa. After we got away we stowed our small chain under Deck. At 7 P.M. there was a School of Porpoises playing around us. At 8 P.M. I retired. Cintra Bay. Lays in Lat 23=05 Long 15=25. Soree Bay Lat 23=50 Long 16

On Board Schooner Vassar H. Hill

3 At Sea Wednesday April 14th 1858. 3
Wednesday morning sun and breakfasted at 6³⁰ A.M. This
commenced with quite a fresh breeze from the N.E. After
breakfast we shook our reef out the mainsail. We hauled the
giving jib this morning. At 8 A.M. I went a Loft. At 10 there
was a School of Blackfish a round us, we hauled away

all three Boats. The Starboard Boat got 3, the Waist Boat
1-3. The Larboard Boat did not get none. In hoisting the
is a board we lost one of the largest ones. Afternoon we mined
Blubber. Evening my first watch. Lat 24=00. Long 17=08.

3 At Sea Thursday April 15th 1858. 3
Thursday morning my watch was called at 4 A.M. At 6 I called the other
watch & then went a Loft. At 7 A.M. we shook the reefs out of the sails.
At 8 A.M. our watch below. Afternoon very pleasant. At 2 P.M. there
was a School of Blackfish in sight. We hauled away all

the Boats. The Waist Boat got one small fish, the other
boats did not get any. They all returned a board at 3 P.M. we hauled
Black Fish Lines for supper. Evening very moderate & pleasant.
At 8 P.M. I retired until my watch. So ends 2nd Day. Lat 24=36 Long 17=48.

3 At Sea Friday April 16th 1858. 3
Friday morning. This Day commenced with fine weather & a moderate
breeze. At 8 A.M. our watch on Deck. I went a Loft & stopped until 10. At 8 A.M.
we saw a Large School of Black Fish in sight. we hauled

away all three Boats & went in pursuit of them. They
passed a while at last the Larboard Boat fastened on
one. They then swarmed to the windward. The Boats all
returned a board at 8³⁰ A.M. We sat the work a going
at 9 A.M. Afternoon very pleasant. Our watch below. The other
watch are now at the masts, they will finish hauling
the Blubber this afternoon. At 4 P.M. Our watch on Deck
went a Loft & stopped until 5 P.M. & then came down & took 3rd
evening my first watch on our standing to the N.W. At 10 I
called the watch & retired. So ends 3rd Day. Lat 24=56. Long 17=12.

3 On Board Scho. Varnum H. Hill

3 At Sea Saturday April 17th 1858. 3

Saturday morning my watch was called at 4 A.M. At 6 A.M. I called the other watch & sent a Loft. We have a fine & beautiful day. Our watch below this forenoon. At 8 A.M. I retired until 12 A.M. We had stewed Chicken for dinner. After dinner I sent a Loft. Saw a number of Burtles. At 2 P.M. I came from a Loft. At 5 P.M. we took Ben. Evening At 8 P.M. I went below & retired until my watch. So Ends this Day. Lat. ----- Long. -----

3 At Sea Sunday April 18th 1858. 3

Sunday morning this day commences with fine weather & very moderate. We are laying off the Island of Benriff & have not wind enough to make a long. We have our mainsail down & she is slatting & veering very fast. Our watch on Deck this forenoon. Afternoon our watch below. I improved a portion of the afternoon in reading & then retired for a while. At 5 P.M. we had a breeze spring up from the N.W. we are running in towards Benriff. Evening At 7 P.M. we have it calm we took in the mainsail. At 8 I retired until my watch. So Ends this Day. Lat. ----- Long. -----

3 At Sea Monday April 19th 1858. 3

Monday morning my watch was called at 5 A.M. This day commences with a fresh Gale from the N.E. After breakfast we doubled Reefed the mainsail & singled Reefed the Foresail. After breakfast I sent a Loft & stayed until 8 A.M. Our watch below this forenoon. At 12 A.M. our watch on Deck. At 2 P.M. I sent a Loft. Saw a number of Burtles. At 4 I came down, we had no Loft up after I came down. Evening blowing very fresh we stood half watches to night. Our watch was called at 12. We then had it calm & the mainsail down. At 4 A.M. I called the other watch & then retired. So Ends this day's transaction. Lat. ----- Long. -----

3 At Sea Tuesday April 20th 1858. 3

Tuesday morning blowing a Gale of Wind from the N.E. we are standing in towards Benriff under double Reef. Our watch on Deck this forenoon. We took the Leech of our Foresail & parted our Bahataz this forenoon. Afternoon our watch below. We retired until 4 P.M. At 4 P.M. Saw a Large Ship standing to the S.W. Evening we stood half watches. we have it blowing very fresh. Our first watch, at 12 called the watch & then retired. So Ends this Day. Lat. ----- Long. -----

On Board Ship Vassar H. Hill

Off Santa Cruz, Tenriffe Wednesday April 21st 1858
Wednesday morning our watch was called at 4 A.M. It is blowing
in fresh & a sea & a running. After breakfast we went out
Keels & set the Saff 3/4 sail. Our watch below this forenoon
12 A.M. Our watch on Deck, After dinner we got up the sand
rain & bent it. At 4 P.M. we came at anchor in Palma
Grand Canaries } We have both anchors a head,
find laying the Old Ship Barn Bay of Boston.
is to load with Parings, Linn, Bannel for Havana. Evening
to Ben, Mr Hopkins took his boat & went a board of the
on Bay & got some papers. The Berg N.D. Chase left
here Monday, heard she had killed a large sperm
hale & had lost her. Evening. At 8 retired. So ends 3rd day.
At Palma (Grand Canaries) Thursday April 22nd 1858
Thursday morning we & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day commences
in fine weather. After breakfast our watch prepared themselves & all
at a shore in the Larboard Boat. We had a very pleasant time,
enjoyed the Liberty very much. The Capt gave the Boys 50 cts
Liberty Money & I rather think they enjoyed the same. At 10 A.M. Fowls
in & they all seemed to be very merry! At 11 A.M. Manuel, Frank
& myself went to the Hotel & got dinner, the same cost
25 each, from there we went up to a Grocer Shop & spent
most part of the afternoon. I wrote some writing papers. Our
watch went a shore at 7 A.M. & spent the day. At 5 P.M. the
1st. Mr Hopkins, Linnel, Manuel, Frank, Joe & myself
turned a board, the rest of the Boys stayed a shore all
night. In morning the Starboard watch will have the
in Liberty. Evening. I retired until my watch. So ends 2nd day.
At Palma Grand Canaries Friday April 23rd 1858
Friday morning. We are now absent from Home eleven
months to day. At 6 A.M. our Larboard Boat went a shore & brought off the
Boys, they all slept in the Port last night. After breakfast the Starboard
watch went a shore. Our watch has been to work getting out Cask's to send
shore for our water. We also repaired the Tarsail. At 9 A.M. Capt. Chase
Ship Barn Bay } came a board & brought some papers. Afternoon they
brought us off 6 Cask's of water. We run that under Deck. At 5³⁰ P.M. I took
a boat & went a shore & brought off the Capt. Mr Greenman. Steward and
Philip. At 6 P.M. I went a shore & got Joe & Josiah. The rest of the Boys stayed a
shore. Our Capt. went a board of the Barn Bay & took Ben, So ends this day.

3 On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill

3 At Palma Grand Cannarys Saturday April 24th 1858

Saturday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. My watch was called at 2 & I staid until 4 & then I called all Hands. We maned the Winlass & haul up both Anchors & made Sail. The Ship Bore Bay also got under way. We ran in an Sandy Bottom & then came to at 7 A.M. After breakfast our Watch prepared themselves to go on Shore. I took my Boat a Shore & had them repaired. I got 50 cts of the Capt. I enjoyed myself very well. Found one Man that could talk English. I conversed with him a long time. At 5 P.M. we returned a board. Evening at 8 I retired until my Watch. So Ends 3rd Day

3 At Palma Grand Cannarys Sunday April 25th 1858

Sunday morning rose & breakfasted at 6³⁰ A.M. This has been a Delightful Day. After breakfast I took the Boat & went a Shore to get the Boys. I found Billy on the Mould. The rest of them did not come down. I staid 20 minutes & then we came a board. This Day has been spent in Reading, Sleeping &c. We had some Fresh Beef for dinner. I had 3 or 4 Letters ready to send to Haranna by Ship Bore Bay. one for my Wife & one for General Cook &c. Evening at 8 P.M. I went below & retired until my Watch. So Ends This Day with fine weather

3 At Palma Grand Cannarys Monday April 26th 1858

Monday morning breakfasted at 6 A.M. This Day opens with fine weather. After breakfast our wood came a long side & we took it on board. There was 97 2 minutes. At 8 A.M. I took the Boat & carried the Starboard Watch a Shore & then returned a board again. Afternoon I took the Boat & carried 4 Bbls of Oil a Shore & put off some Potatoes Eggs & Oranges. I then went a Shore & got the Capt. & we came a board & took 3 or 4. After 3 or 4 the Capt. took his Boat & went a board of the Ship Bore Bay & carried some Letters. I sent one to my Wife & one to General. At 6 I went a Shore & got the Boys (Gale & Gaspar). Evening my first Watch. At 10 I retired. So Ends This Day

3 At Palma Grand Cannarys Tuesday April 27th 1858

Tuesday morning rose & breakfasted at 6 A.M. After breakfast we repaired the Bob Stay & then maned our Winchless & got under way. We have a beautiful Day. We run our course off Shore S.E. After we got under way we put the Chains under Deck & I am in hopes the next time we use them will be in Provincetown Harbor. This Afternoon the Capt. fastened our Passes. At 5 P.M. we took 3 or 4. Evening at 8 P.M. I retired until my Watch. So Ends This Day's Transactions with fine weather.

3 On Board Scho. Barrum H. Hill

Lat 27=19

3 At Sea Wednesday April 28th 1858. 3
Wednesday morning sun & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This Day opened
the fine weather & a light breeze from the N.E. At 8 A.M. I went a
ft. At 11³⁰ A.M. we saw a Turtle 3m Capt & my self went out and
killed him. Afternoon very pleasant our watch below they caught
Turtles. This Afternoon. So we have caught five
them. So I think that we have Turtled up quite
all to day. We have been running our course S.W. by W.
Day. Evening very pleasant. my first watch. At 10 P.M. I
called the other watch & then retired. So Ends this Day. 3

3 At Sea Thursday April 29th 1858. 3
Thursday morning my watch was called at 4 A.M. This
day commences with fine weather & a moderate breeze from
N.E. we have it cloudy this morning. At 5 I called the watch and
shut off Deck & then I went a Loft. At 8 A.M. Our watch below I
tired this forenoon. At 11³⁰ A.M. we took dinner. we had Turtle Soup
found it to be very nice. Afternoon very pleasant. After dinner
went a Loft. Our watch are employed in scraping down the
remast. We have been running our course S.W. by West.
Evening At 8 P.M. I retired until my watch. So Ends
this Day's Transactions with fine weather. Lat 25=23. Long 16=12.

3 At Sea Friday April 30th 1858. 3
Friday morning sun & breakfasted at 6³⁰ A.M. This Day opens
the a quite a fresh breeze from the N.E. This morning we
altered our course from S.W. by W. to W by North. Afternoon our
watch below After dinner I retired. At 4 P.M. I went a Loft & stepped
until 5 then came down & took 3m. At 5³⁰ P.M. There was a large

haul of Black Fish playing around us. we hauled a
way all three Boats & chased them a hunt our Haul
at they are so very wild they could not get near
them. At 6 P.M. the Boats all returned a haul. After
took up the Boats we kept on our old course a
aim W. by N. Evening At 8 P.M. my first watch
stood until 10 P.M. then called the other watch
and went below & retired. So Ends this the last
day of April with fine weather & pleasant breeze
So Ends this Day. Lat 24=22. Long 18=15.

3 On Board Scho. Varnum H Hill

3 At Sea Saturday May 1st 1858 3

Saturday morning my watch was called at 4 A.M. At 5 I called the other watch & mustered off Decks & then I went a Loft. At 8 A.M. there was a School of Porpoises came across our Bow. Our Watch below this forenoon. I wrote a little in my Journal & then retired for a while. Afternoon we have quite a fresh breeze. After dinner I went a Loft & stayed until 2 P.M. Evening At 8 P.M. I retired until my Watch. So Ends 2nd Day. Lat 23=30 Long 21=17.

3 At Sea Sunday May 2nd A.D. 1858 3

Sunday morning rose & breakfasted At 6³⁰ A.M. This Day commences with fine weather. This forenoon our Watch on Deck. We have been running our course to Day W by N. This Day has been spent in reading sleeping &c. Afternoon Our Watch below. I improved a part of the Day in reading & sleeping. We have had quite a fresh breeze to Day. Evening At 8 P.M. I retired until my Watch. Lat Long.

3 At Sea Monday May 3rd A.D. 1858 3

Monday morning our Watch was called at 5 A.M. we mustered off Decks & took breakfast at 6³⁰ A.M. This Day commences with fine weather. Our Watch below this forenoon. I done some mending and then I retired. Afternoon our Watch on Deck. Our Watch was employed this Afternoon in flushing down the Foremast. At 2 P.M. I went a Loft & stayed until 4 P.M. At 5 P.M. there was a Brig passed us running to the S.W. She had her Studdensails set. Evening. We have been running our course during the Day W. N. W. and have had fine weather. At 8 O'clock P.M. I retired until my Watch. So Ends This Day's Transaction. Lat 22=55 Long 27=17.

3 At Sea Tuesday May 4th A.D. 1858. 3

Tuesday morning my Watch was called at 2 A.M. At 4 I called the other Watch & went below & retired until 6 O'clock A.M. & then I took breakfast. This Day opens with fine & beautiful weather. our Watch on Deck this forenoon. Our Watch has been employed in scraping & varnishing the Flying Gibbourn At 10 A.M. I went a Loft. At 11 A.M. I repainted a Sail a head At 11³⁰ A.M. the Soft Top sail Sheet parted. At 12 I came down & took dinner. We have been running our course N. W. by W. all Day. Afternoon I retired as it was an M. below. At 5 P.M. I went a Loft & stayed until sunset. Evening At 8 I retired until my Watch. So Ends This Day. Lat 23=30 Long 30=00

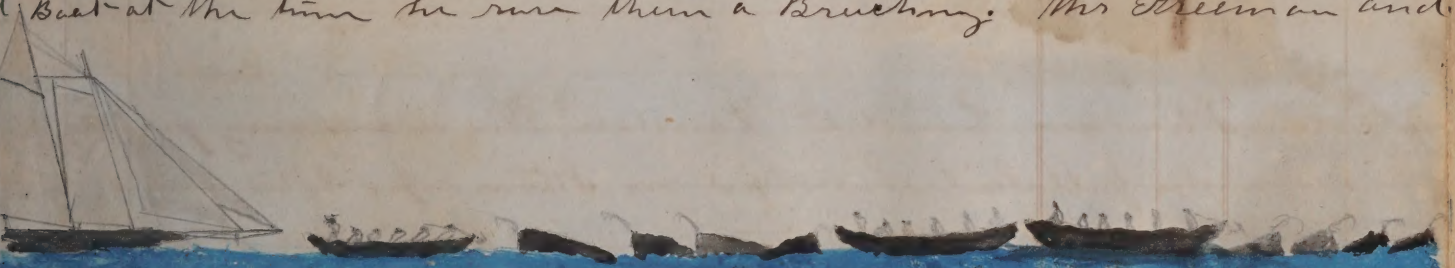
3 On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill

3 At Sea Wednesday May 5th 1858. 3

Wednesday morning my watch was called at 5 O'clock A.M., we washed
decks & at 6³⁰ A.M. we breakfasted. After breakfast I went a-
board & stayed until 8 A.M. This day commences with fine weather
our watch below this forenoon. At 8 A.M. we had a few
light rain showers. Afternoon our watch on Deck, we have
been employed in plaining 3rd Supper. At 2 P.M. I went a-
board & stayed until 4. Evening at 8 P.M. retired. Lat $23=52$ Long $32=32$

3 At Sea Thursday May 6th 1858 3

Thursday morning my watch was called at 2 A.M., I stood until
then called the watch & retired until 6³⁰ A.M., & then we took breakfast.
This day commences with fine weather. After breakfast I cleaned
spracles. At 8 A.M. our watch went to work to send up the 3rd
supper. just as we got it entered into the cap. our Capt. saw
large school of Sperm Whales, He was sitting in the Starboard
boat at the time he saw them a Breaching. Mr Freeman and



and we left at the same time. We aimed away all three
boats & went close up them. They were bound to the windward
by quick. All three of our boat steers darted at them but they
were a long dart-off. At one O'clock P.M. 3rd boats returned a barrel.
Afternoon we finished a getting up the 3rd supper. After 3rd I
went a-board & stayed until sunset. Evening at 8 P.M. I
retired until my watch. So Ends 2nd day. Lat $24=30$ Long $34=45$

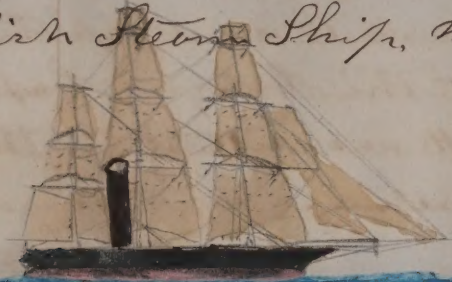
3 At Sea Friday May 7th A.D. 1858. 3

Friday morning my watch was called at 5 A.M. we washed off
deck & then took breakfast. Last Evening in my watch
we saw a large Flying Fish flew a barrel. This day commences
with fine weather. Our watch below this forenoon. I retired & had a
nap. Afternoon our watch on Deck. I went to work & made a
sawdust to put over my spracles. At 2 O'clock P.M. I went a-
board & stayed until 4 P.M. we have been running our course
day N.W. by W. we have passed some considerable Gulf Weed.
The day is very pleasant & warm to day. Evening at 8 P.M.
retired until my watch. So Ends 3rd days transaction
with fine weather. Lat $24=45$ Long $37=32$

3 On Board Scho. Varmum H. Hill

3 At Sea Saturday May 8th A.D. 1858 3

Saturday morning my watch was called at 2 A.M. At 4 I called the other watch & then retired until breakfast time. This Day commences with fine weather. This morning when I awoke I was all hoarse & could not speak a word. I took cold last night. But to Day I feel somewhat better. Our watch on Deck this forenoon At 10 A.M. I sent a Lt. At 11 I reported a large Ship off our Stern. She was running up across our bows. I mailed the Surgeon in on my Speech but this forenoon. Afternoon our watch below Deck retired as I did not feel any well. At 4 P.M. That Ship that I saw this morning came a long close by us, we have been & saw the Collins & she came a long & spoke us. It was an English Steam Ship, her name was the Collidona of



Glasgow. She was bound to London, she was a very pretty Ship. She was under full sail, but had no steam up. After tea I sent a Lt. At 5³⁰ P.M. we took in the mainsail & repaired it & then furlled it. This is the first time that we have furlled it since leaving the Cannarys. After we furlled the mainsail we hoisted the Bysail. This is the first time we have had the Bysail out since last summer. At sunset I came from a Lt. Evening At 8 I retired. So Ends this Day. Lat $25^{\circ}30'$ Long. $40^{\circ}34'$

3 At Sea Sunday May 9th A.D. 1858 3

Sunday morning we breakfasted at 6³⁰ A.M. We are running our course to the N.W. This Day has been employed in killing Red Buzs. We have all had our bedding on Deck & cleaned our Bins. Evening At 8 P.M. I retired. Lat. Long.

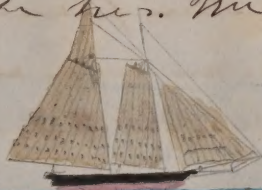
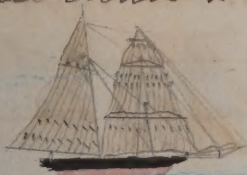
3 At Sea Monday May 10th A.D. 1858. 3

Monday morning. This Day commences with fine weather. Our watch on Deck this forenoon. At 8 A.M. I sent a Lt. & stayed until 10 A.M. After I came from a Lt. I assisted Mr. Hopkins in painting the Larboard Boat. Afternoon our watch below. At 4 P.M. I sent Lt. At 5 I came down & took tea. Evening. Josiah & Joe came near having some trouble while they were laughing & fooling. P.M. we took in sail. We are now running on the Western Breeze. At 8 P.M. my first watch. So Ends this Day. Lat. $28^{\circ}20'$ Long. $45^{\circ}00'$

3 On Board Scho. Tarnum H. Hill

3 At Sea Tuesday May 11th A.D. 1858 3
Tuesday morning my watch was called at 4 A.M. After I called
the other watch we washed off Deck & went a Loft. There was a
vigilant close by us this morning. She was running to the N.W.
his forenoon air watch below. Afternoon our watch on Deck. At
A.M. I went a Loft & slept until 2 P.M. After I came from
Loft the Capt. gave me a piece of Paper with sailing directions
signals to go by when the boats are out in chase of Whales.
Evening. At sunset the Capt. burned a keg. At 7 P.M. we took
sail & retired. So Ends this Day. Lat 25=22 Long. 46=07.

3 At Sea Wednesday May 12th A.D. 1858 3
Wednesday morning ran & breakfasted at 6 A.M. This day
immense with fine & moderate weather. At 8 A.M. I went a
Loft & slept until 10 A.M. Afternoon our watch below this
forenoon. At 4 P.M. I went a Loft. We saw a Brig in the
stave & ran down & spoke her. We found it to be the



ing Panama of Provincetown (Capt Birch) Our Capt. burned
my his boat & sent a board of them. Mrs. Pan (the wife) & some
with came a board of us. She is out from Home six weeks.
he has 30 Bbls of Spum. At 7 P.M. the Capt. arrived a board
the Letters & Papers. I received one from my wife & one from
my brother George. I was very glad to find them all well. At sunset
we in sail. my first watch. At 10 I retired. Lat 29=10 Long 47=47

3 At Sea Thursday May 13th A.D. 1858 3
Thursday morning my watch was called at 4 A.M. At 5 I called
the other watch & washed off Deck & then I went a Loft. We
ran fine weather. Our watch below this forenoon. At 12 A.M. I went
Loft. There was a Berg running down & spoke us. It was the Berg



Illinakit Capt. Baber of New Bedford. She has been out
months & has 650 of Spum. Capt. Baber came a board of us
spent the afternoon. Mr. Hopkins went on board of the Berg. At
sunset took in sail & ends this day. Lat 29=51 Long 48=50.

3 On Board Ship Tarnum H. Hill.

3 At Sea Friday May 14th. A.D. 1858 3
Friday morning rose & breakfasted at 6th. A.M. This Day
commenced with fine weather & a very moderate breeze. At 8 A.M.
I went a Lt. After I came from a Lt. the Boys presented
me with some Tobacco. They had got some on board the
Brig Panama. Afternoon our watch below. At 4 P.M. I went
a Lt. Evening. At Sunset we took in Sail. Evening very
pleasant. my first watch. At 10 P.M. I called the other watch and
then retired. So Ends This Day. Lat $29=56$ Long. $49=03$.

3 At Sea Saturday May 15th. A.D. 1858 3
Saturday morning my watch was called at 4 A.M. At 5 I called
the other watch & worked off Deck & then went a Lt. This
Day opens with a moderate breeze. The Sky is overcast &
cloudy. At 8 A.M. Our watch below. I read a while & then retired.
Afternoon. After dinner I went a Lt. We had it rather squally
from 12 until 2 P.M. & then fine weather. At 4 P.M. Mr. Brewster
was breeching a head. we ran on after them & found it was
a School of Sperm Whales. At 5 P.M. we found a very all three



Boats & went in chase of them. They were about 5 miles off shore.
The Boats returned. At 6 P.M. the Lumbered Boat went on and
fastened. The Whales did not make any play after he fastened.
The went to the windward. At 7th P.M. we got the Whale a long distance
& secured her & then took her. We are saying under Bysail & jib.
So Ends This Day's Transaction. Lat $29=35$ Long. $49=30$

3 At Sea Sunday May 16th. A.D. 1858. 3
Sunday morning rose & breakfasted at 5 O'clock. A.M. After
breakfast we rigged up our cutting purchases & went to our
cutting in. We have in my opinion & pleasant to day. We
finished cutting in at 12 A.M. & then went below & took down
we think the Whale will make a haul 20 bbls of Oil.
After we had taken in the junk & beer, Mr. Linnell was
between it & the Rail. He well pulled & worked him and
bored. The Lumbered watch are at the works this afternoon.
So Ends This Days Transaction Lat $29=56$ Long. $49=03$

3 On Board Ship Parmus H. Hill

3 At Sea Monday May 17th A.D. 1858 3
Monday morning our Watch was called at 4 A.M. We went
to the works & stowed until 8 A.M. & then took breakfast. After
breakfast we went to the works & stowed until 12 A.M. & then took
lunch. Afternoon our Watch below. I returned until 4 P.M. & then
went to the works & stowed until 6 & then took Tea. & then we
went to the works again. At 7 P.M. there was a School of Black

whales seen by us. We chased a few the Steamer & West boats &
they went in chase of them, but did not get near them as they
were very wild. So night we finished boiling the blubber at 8
P.M. we stowed quarters watches. The whole made 25 bbls of Oil.
Ends This Day Transaction Lat 28-48 Long 50-00

3 At Sea Tuesday May 18th 1858 3
Tuesday morning our Watch was called at 6³⁰ A.M. & breakfasted.
After breakfast we commenced running down the Oil & stowing
in the Casks under Deck. The whole made 25 bbls of Oil. At 10 A.M.
went a Loft; we are under 300 sail, Fairsail, & 300 faths. At 12
P.M. we were all cleared up & washed off. Afternoon. I have
been to work a grinding Spades, I finished 2 of them. At
2 O'clock P.M. we had a Rain Showers & I had to give up.
At 5 P.M. I went a Loft & stowed until sunset. Evening we
went in the Fairsail & are laying under 300 sail & 300 faths.
At 2nd watch at 12 I called the other watch. Lat Long----

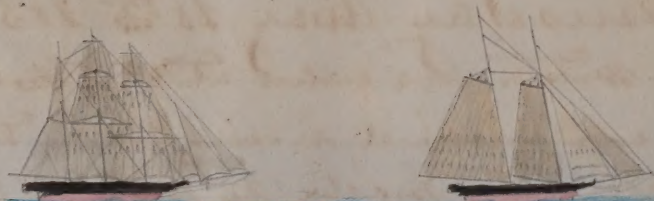
3 At Sea Wednesday May 19th 1858 3
Wednesday morning. This Day commences with fine weather, after
breakfast I went a Loft. The Capt. also came a Loft. At 12 A.M. the Capt.
was a hook a head. we saw for it & found it to be a School of Sperm Whales.

At 8³⁰ A.M. the West
at fastened. The Whales all went to the windward & the boats went out
west of us. At 12 the boats returned a head. we took the whole a hook
& cut her in. We took in the front & Case separate. We got her
in at dark. I think she will make 40 bbls of Oil. After Tea I retired
until my watch. So Ends This Day. Lat 25-30 Long 50-03

3 On Board Ship Comm H. Hill

3 At Sea Thursday May 20th 1858. 3
Thursday morning sun & breakfast at 5¹² A.M. This day open
with fine & pleasant weather. After breakfast we went to work on
the gunns & Case. We finished cutting it up at 9¹² A.M. At 10 we
finned up under the masts & commenced Bailing. At 10 A.M.
I went a Loft. At 12 we took dinner. Afternoon our Watch below
At 4 P.M. we went to the masts. The Capt. caught a Dolphin at 5
P.M. At 6 we took tea. Evening at 8 P.M. Our watch at the masts
At 12 we were the other watch. So Ends this Day. Lat. --- Long. ---

3 At Sea Friday May 21st 1858 3
Friday morning our watch was called at 4 A.M. we went to the
masts & stayed until 8 A.M. & then took breakfast. We have
it very pleasant & moderate. Our watch below this forenoon
Afternoon Our watch to the masts. I went a Loft at 2 P.M. At 2 P.M.

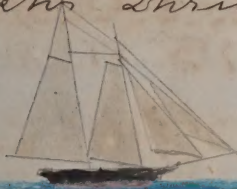


The Borg Willis (Capt King) of Mattapoisett came a long
Speaker. She reported that the Brig Federal crossed
the ground last week & was bound Home. At 4 P.M. Our watch
went to work in the Hold. Evening at 8 P.M. Our watch retired
until 12 & then we went to the masts & stayed until 4 A.M. we
then retired until breakfast time. So Ends this Day Lat 28-40 Long 50-15

3 At Sea Saturday May 22nd 1858. 3
This day commences with fine weather. After breakfast we com-
menced running oil under Deck. The other watch finished
Bailing this morning. We have had delightful weather
to take care of Oil. It has been calm a greater part of
the time. I think we shall stow down a hundred 45 Bbls of
Oil. At 10 A.M. I went a Loft & stayed until 12 & then I
came down & took dinner. Afternoon Our watch below
we have it very pleasant. At 4 P.M. we cleared up and went
off Decks. At 5 I went a Loft. There was a very off our
weather. Ben saying to a cutting in a whale. We did not
get near enough to her to tell who it was. At Sunset
we took in the Flying Jib & are laying under Power
Bryant, & Jib. At 8 P.M. I retired until my watch
So Ends this Day's transaction. Lat 28-33 Long 50-13.

3 On Board Schooner Varnum H. Hill. 3

3 At Sea Sunday May 23rd 1858 3
Sunday morning run & breakfasted at 6³⁰ A.M. we had
a fresh breeze from the S.W. After breakfast we
went to work & run the remains of Oil under Deck. The
boat stowed down 42 Bbls of Oil. We are out from Home
Months to Day. Our Watch below this forenoon. Afternoon. At
P.M. the Scho. Thrinus (Capt. Small) came a long & spoke



Capt. Small came aboard & spent the afternoon. Court
all came with him. Mr. Freeman & Jarvis took their Boat
went on board of the Thrinus. At 7 P.M. the Boat returned
Capt. Small went on board of his vessel. Evening quite pleasant.
The Thrinus has 60 Bbls of Sperm. At 8 P.M. I retired until
my watch. So Ends this Day. Lat 21-23 Long 42-12

3 At Sea Monday May 24th 1858 3
Monday morning run & breakfasted at 6³⁰ A.M. This morning
at 6³⁰ A.M. the Capt. put Sooty in Irons. This Day commences
with a fresh breeze from the S.W. The Scho. Thrinus is to
be ahead of us with her Bysail up. At 8 A.M. I went a
Loft. We finished making off this morning. At 9 A.M. I as-
sisted the Mainsail & stood to the S.W. After I came from
Loft I went to work & ground some Spracles. Afternoon our
watch below. At 4 I went a Loft. At 6 we took in the Flying
jib & lashed Reefed the Foresail. At 8 P.M. my first watch. At
I called the other watch. So Ends this Day. Lat ... Long ...

3 At Sea Tuesday May 25th 1858 3
Tuesday morning my watch was called at 4 A.M. At 5 I called the
other watch, we worked off Decks. Shook the Reefs out of the
Foresail & Hoisted the Main sail. Then I went a Loft. The Scho.
Thrinus is in Light standing to the N.W. & we are running to
S.E. Our Watch below this forenoon. Afternoon. After dinner
I went a Loft & slept until 2 P.M. After I came from a Loft
I went to work & prepared a Spracle to use in the Blubber
line (as Mr. Linnell lost the other one at the time he
lost our board). Evening at sunset the Loft hoisted a
jib. we took in the Mainsail & Flying jib & set the Bysail. At
I retired until my watch. So Ends this Day's Transaction
the first watch & my watch. Lat 28-45 Long 43-47

3 On Board Scho Carmum H. Hill. 3

3 At Sea Wednesday May 26th 1858. 3

Wednesday morning. This Day commences with fine and pleasant weather. At 8 A.M. I went a Loft & stayed until 10 A.M. After I came from a Loft our water went to work in the After Hold a breaking out. Afternoon our water below. At 5 P.M. I went a Loft. This has been a beautiful Day. Evening my first water. So Ends this Day. Lat 29=13 Long 49=42

3 At Sea Thursday May 27th 1858. 3

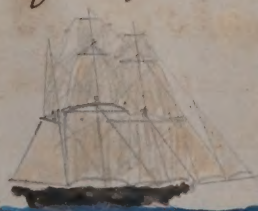
Thursday morning This Day commences with fine & pleasant weather. After we had made sail I went a Loft. The left-tack sent out of Grand yesterday at 12 A.M. Our water below this forenoon. I went up my journal & then retired. This Afternoon we have it very pleasant. After dinner I went a Loft. We are running to the S. E. At 5 P.M. we took in the Topsail & down some mending. Evening At 8 P.M. I retired until my water. So Ends this Day. Lat 29=31 Long 48=40

3 At Sea Friday May 28th A.D. 1858 3

Friday morning. This Day opens with a fine light breeze & pleasant weather. At 8 A.M. I went a Loft. After I came from a Loft I went to work & mended the Cook's Beer Kettle. Mr Hopkins is to work making a Zip Net. Afternoon our water below. At 5 O'clock P.M. it being calm we took in the mainsail & the left & right vent in & had a swim. Evening my first water. So Ends 30 Day. Lat 29=24 Long 48=57

3 At Sea Saturday May 29th A.D. 1858 3

Saturday morning. This Day opens with calm weather & very warm. There is a Berg to the leeward a short distance off. At 8 A.M. the Capt. of the Berg found a very fine Baal & came a board of us. We found it to be the Berg Afton (Capt. Clark) of New Bedford.

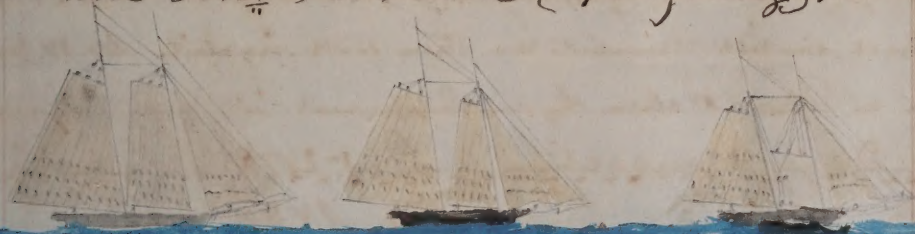


She has been out 22 months & has 1000 Bbls of Oil. She reports to us of seeing a large school of Whales Day before yesterday. At 10 A.M. Capt. Clark went a board of his vessel. Afternoon calm & very warm. At 1 P.M. I went a Loft. The Berg Afton says a short distance from us. I saw some porpoises. At sunset we took in the mainsail Topsail & flying Gill & Hoisted the Bysail. Evening At 8 P.M. I retired until my water. So Ends this Day. Lat 29=20 Long 48=52

3 On Board Sch^y Varnum H. Hill.

3 At Sea Sunday May 30th 1858. 3
Sunday morning. This day opened with calm weather. At 7²
we had a few light rain showers. At 8 A.M. the sun is out
shining brightly & very warm & calm. At 9 A.M. we took the three
boat sails & rigged ~~away~~ ^{up} our the Haul & made it very
tightly. This day has been spent in reading sleeping & etc. Evening
at 8 P.M. I retired until my watch. So ends this day. Lat. 25=20 Long. 48=50

3 At Sea Monday May 31st 1858 3
Monday morning. This day commences with fine weather. We
have passed several merchant ships this forenoon. Afternoon
water on deck. At 2 P.M. I sent a boat. At 3 P.M. I reported a
sail a head. we worked up towards her & as we neared her
we found there were two vessels in sight, both of them whalers.
At 6³ we got up with them. we found one to be the Sch^y
Thrinus, she was cutting in a whale that she had taken this
forenoon. The other vessel was running down to her. we found
it to be the Sch^y Antarctic (Capt Young). At 7 P.M. we took in



oil. Our Capt went on board of the Antarctic. Chap^y Young
was a board of us & I was very glad to see him. He brought
me the News from Home. He stayed until 9 P.M. & then went
board of his own vessel. I sent a boat with him. I saw
a picture of little Charlie's miniature & it made me feel quite
sick. I stayed a board of the Antarctic until 10 P.M. & then
a boat returned a board. I felt quite Home sick when I
went to leave Chap^y. We had but a short time to converse to
gather & we improved the same. Chap^y had some papers
for me & a letter from my wife. He also gave me all the
news current at Home. The Sch^y Thrinus has taken 1000 lbs
oil since last Wednesday. I would liked for it to have been
Sunday when we saw the Antarctic & then we would have
had a good Sun! But I must be satisfied to think that
we had a short time together. After we came a board I
stayed until my watch. but I could not get to sleep. for
was thinking a board Home. So ends this the last
of May. Lat. 25=45 Long. 48=14

3 On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill.

3 At Sea Tuesday June 1st 1858. 3
Tuesday morning. This Day opens with quite a fresh S.W. Wester. The Antarctic is in sight to the north of us. Afternoon our water below. We have it quite moderate this afternoon. After I went a Left & stopped until sunset & then we took in sail & set the Tropsail. So Ends this Day. Lat. 23=35 Long. 45=20

3 At Sea Wednesday June 2nd 1858. 3
Wednesday morning. This Day opens with quite a fresh breeze from the S.W. After breakfast I went a Left & stopped until 8 A.M. I saw a vessel off our bow running towards us. Our water below this forenoon. Afternoon quite a fresh breeze. At 2 P.M. I went a Left. Saw a Berg running to the Eastward. We have been running our course to the S.W. Evening took in sail. Lat. 28=52 Long. 49=22

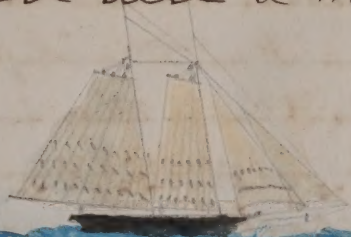
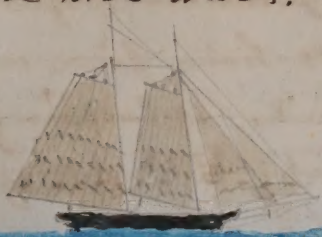
3 At Sea Thursday June 3rd 1858. 3
Thursday morning. This Day opens with quite a moderate breeze & some squally & Rain Showers to numerous to mention. Our water on Deck this forenoon. Afternoon our water below. After I went a Left & stopped until sunset. We then took in sail. At 15 minutes of 8 P.M. the Capt. saw a Spout close by us. Supposed it was a Spinn Whale. So Ends this Day's transaction. Lat. 28=50 Long. 49=21

3 At Sea Friday June 4th 1858. 3
Friday morning. This Day opens with quite a fresh breeze. After breakfast I went a Left. We did not hoist the mainsail until 8 A.M. At 8 A.M. we parted the Landward Mastengail grey. Our water below this forenoon. Afternoon quite pleasant. At 2 P.M. I went a Left. At 3 P.M. there was a Berg passed close to us. She was a Whale. At 6 P.M. they left our Spouts. The Capt. sent up a Left & called them Humpbacks. At sunset we took in sail & put on Reef in the Topsail. The Capt. caught an Bonita this afternoon. So Ends this Day's transaction. Lat. 29=42 Long. 48=45

3 At Sea Saturday June 5th 1858 3
Saturday morning. This Day opens with good weather. After breakfast I cleaned my Spades. At 8 A.M. the Left saw our Spouts. but we found them to be Humpbacks. At 10 A.M. I went a Left. The Ship Antarctic is a short distance to the South of us. Afternoon our water below. I came below and read a while. At 1 1/2 O'clock we kept off and ran down towards the Ship Antarctic & sailed with our Jib to the weather. The Antarctic came a long and sprake us. She is 6 miles from Home & clean. She has not seen anything since we saw her last. Our Capt. heard a very loud & went a

3 On Board Scho. Barrum H. Hill.

board of the Antarctic. Chas. A. Young came a board of us and spent the afternoon. I was very glad to see him. we had very good weather. At 3 P.M. we had good weather. we passed a large mast on the water. There were a large school of John



A Drift-Boat

ing (fish) playing a round this Spar. Chas. got on from a readiness to strike me, but they did not make very long lay. After Tea I went a Leift. At 6 P.M. Chas. went a board as our usual. I was a Leift at the time he left us. Evening after he left came a board on tank in sail. Lat. 28=32 Long. 49=51

3 At Sea Sunday June 6th 1858. 3

Sunday morning. This Day opens with fine weather. but quite fresh breeze. This Day has been spent in reading. Sleeping &c. The Scho. Antarctic has been in sight of us all day. Evening at 8 P.M. sunset. So Ends This Day. Lat 29=13 Long. 49=31

3 At Sea Monday June 7th 1858. 3

Monday morning. This Day opens with fine weather. At 8 A.M. I went a Leift. The Scho. Antarctic & the Berg R.L. Barlow are in sight. After coming from a Leift went to work on the Fore & Mainmast-Rigging. Afternoon on Watch below. At 4 P.M. I went a Leift. Evening at sunset we took in sail. So Ends This Day's Transaction. Lat 29=37 Long. 49=45

3 At Sea Tuesday June 8th 1858 3

Tuesday morning. This Day opens with quite pleasant weather. After we struck off Deck's I went a Leift. On Watch below this forenoon. Afternoon at dinner I went a Leift. Nothing in sight. At sunset we took in sail & fell the Fore sail & set the Tysail. So Ends This Day. Lat. 29=23 Long. 50=05.

3 At Sea Wednesday June 9th 1858. 3

Wednesday morning. This Day opens with fine weather & a light breeze. At 8 A.M. I went a Leift. From 8³⁰ until 10 A.M. we had it very squally. While I was a Leift we had our Rain Showers & I got all wet through. At 9³⁰ A.M. Saw a large water spout a short distance to the leeward. Afternoon On Watch below. At 4 P.M. I went a Leift. Saw one large & a Schooner (Whalers) to the leeward of us. At 5 P.M. I went down & took Tea. Evening. At sunset we took in sail. my first watch. So Ends This Day with fine weather but no Whales. Lat 29=23 Long. 49=38

On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Thursday June 10th 1858.

Thursday morning. This Day opens with fine and pleasant weather. After we washed off Deck I went a Lift. Nothing in Sight this morning. Our water below this forenoon. Afternoon very pleasant. After dinner I went a Lift. We have fine weather but no Whales. At Sunset we took in Sail. Evening we have it very moderate. So Ends this Day. Lat. $29=25$ Long. $49=15$

At Sea Friday June 11th 1858

Friday morning. This Day opens with fine weather and a moderate breeze. At 8 A.M. I went a Lift. There is one vessel in Sight a long distance ahead. very fine weather this Day. Afternoon our water below. At 4 P.M. I went a Lift. Saw a large Brig standing to the S.W. supposed her to be a merchantman. At Sunset we took in Sail. So Ends this Day's Transaction Lat. $29=00$ Long. $49=15$

At Sea Saturday June 12th 1858.

Saturday morning. This Day opens with fine weather. After we washed off Deck & made Sail I went a Lift. Our water below this forenoon. Afternoon very pleasant. After dinner I went a Lift & stayed until 2 O'clock P.M. Nothing doing a head Dec this Afternoon. At Sunset we took in the Mainsail & Foresail & hoisted the Bysail. Evening very moderate & pleasant. So Ends this Day's work with fine weather. Lat. $22=28$ Long. $49=27$

At Sea Sunday June 13th 1858.

Sunday morning. This Day opens with fine weather. After breakfast I took my Bedding on Deck & slaughtered Bed Bugs. I have killed some thousands to Day. At 8 A.M. saw a Barg. to the Windward of us running to the Southward. At 12 A.M. Seely & Merrill were put in Irons for fighting. Seely had his cuffs put on with his Hands behind him. This Day has been spent in making Sleeping, killing Bed Bugs &c. So Ends this Day. Lat. $25=30$ Long. $49=23$

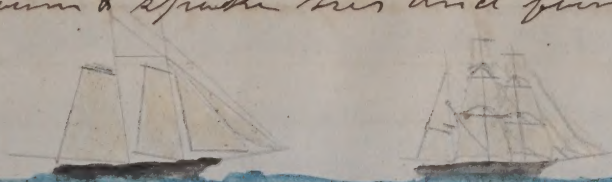
At Sea Monday June 14th 1858.

Monday morning. This Day opens with fine weather & a pleasant breeze. After breakfast we repaired the Foresail. This morning at 8 A.M. the Capt put Richard Murray in Irons. At 10 A.M. we passed a large piece of a Russels Deck. we ran close to it & there were a large School of John Dammers {Fish} a round it. The Capt caught three of them. After At 2 P.M. I went a Lift. Took Merrill out of Irons this Afternoon. Evening quite pleasant. So Ends this Day. Lat. $29=23$ Long. $50=23$

On Board Schooner Vassar H. Hill

3 At Sea Tuesday June 15th 1858. 3

Tuesday morning. This Day opens with fine weather. At 8 A.M. our Watch on Deck. At 10 A.M. I went a Loft & stayed until 12 A.M. At 8 A.M. The Capt. ran a School of Whales a bout 3 miles to the Windward. We got all three Boats ready & chased them & we found they were Hump Backs. And so we give up the chase. Afternoon our Watch below. At 4 P.M. we saw a Berg 2 or 3 miles to the Windward. we ran down & spoke her and found it - 3 or 4 the Berg



Thomas Winslow. Capt. Reedy of New Bedford. She took a 15-bbl whale yesterday and was a Bailing out this Afternoon. She is out from Home 10 months & has 200 bbls Sperm. Our Capt. went a board & stayed a short time. At Sunset I lowered a way from a Loft. Evening we reefed the Foresail and took in the Mainsail. So Ends this Day. Lat. 28=20. Long. 50=01.

3 At Sea Wednesday June 16th 1858. 3

Wednesday morning This Day opens with good weather but quite fresh breeze. After we washed off Deck we struck the Reef out of the Mainsail & in Haisting it up we parted the Luff Rope & had to take in the Foresail & repair it. We hoisted the Bysail this morning as it was quite rough. Our Watch below this Forenoon. The Capt. took Scally 1 of Irons last evening At 7 P.M. Afternoon we hoisted the Mainsail. At 2 P.M. I went a Loft & stayed until 4 P.M. At Sunset we Loof lowered a way & we took in Sail. So Ends this Day with fine weather but no Whales. Lat. 28=54 Long. 42=08.

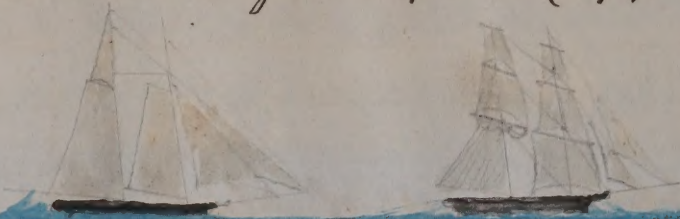
3 At Sea Thursday June 17th 1858. 3

Thursday morning rose and breakfasted At 6 A.M. This Day opens with fine weather. At 8 A.M. Our Watch employed in breaking Main Haul. we took out one of the Wing Casks and towed them in the Blubber Room. At 10 A.M. I went a Loft. There is a Berg in Sight. Suppose that she is a Whale, but we don't know who she is. Afternoon very pleasant & moderate in Starboard Watch filled their Casks with water that we towed in the Blubber Room. At 4 O'clock P.M. Our Watch on Deck very moderate. After 3 we went a Loft & stayed until Sunset. we then took in Sail & Hoisted the Bysail. So Ends this Day's Transactions. Lat. 28=54 Long. 50=18

On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill

3 At Sea Friday June 18th 1858 3

Friday morning. At 5 A.M. the Capt. took Richard Murray out of Crews. This day opens with fine weather but very moderate. We did not hoist the mainsail this morning. After breakfast I went on Deck. Our watch below this forenoon. Afternoon very pleasant. After dinner we hoisted the mainsail. At 2 P.M. I went on Deck. Saw a Brig to the Seward of us. At 6 A.M. we ran down & spoke her. Found it to be the Brig Amaran of Mattapoiset. (Capt. Keith). She is out from



Horn 9 months & has 100 kls of Spinn. Capt. Keith came a board of us & stayed a while. Mr. Hopkins went a board of the Brig. Evening at 7 P.M. we took in sail. At 8 P.M. the boat returned. The Capt. went a board of his own vessel. So Ends this Day. Lat. 28° 55' Long. 50° 15'

3 At Sea Saturday June 19th 1858. 3

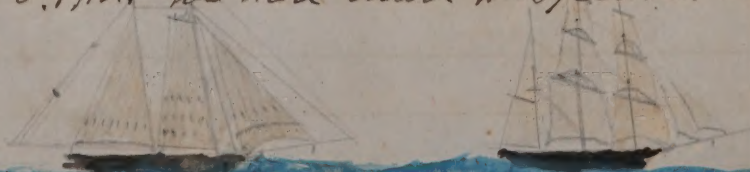
Saturday morning. This day opens with a fresh breeze from the S.W. We are running to the Southward. At 10 A.M. I went on Deck and stayed until 12 A.M. Afternoon our watch below. After tea I went on Deck. While I was on Deck we had a Rain Squall. At Sunset we took in sail. This evening in my watch I done some washing. So Ends this Day. Lat. 25° 43' Long. 49° 15'

3 At Sea Sunday June 20th 1858. 3

Sunday morning. This day opens with quite a fresh breeze we have had it quite squally this forenoon. This forenoon our watch below. This day has been spent in reading and sleeping. Afternoon more pleasant. Evening at 8 P.M. I went on Deck. So Ends this Day. Lat. 25° 20' Long. 49° 11'

3 At Sea Monday June 21st 1858 3

Monday morning. This day opens with Rain Squalls. We have had constant Rain through the first part of this day. Afternoon our watch below. At 6 P.M. we ran down & spoke the Berg Willis



of Mattapoiset Capt. King. She has taken 160 kls of oil since we saw her. Our Capt. went a board of her & spent the evening. There was a board of us. So Ends this Day. Lat. 29° 30' Long. 49° 20'

On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Tuesday June 22nd 1858 3

Tuesday morning. This day opens with Rain Squalls. At 8 A.M. our water below. Afternoon very good weather & moderate. Afternoon I went a-Loft & stayed until 2 P.M. At 5 is very good seeing but there is nothing in sight. Nothing doing a-bud - Deck this afternoon. At Sunset we took in Sail. Evening very pleasant. At 8 P.M. I retired under my watch. So Ends this day's transactions with fine weather. Lat. 25=02 Long. 43=41

3 At Sea Wednesday June 23rd 1858. 3

We are thirteen months from Home to Day. This day opens with fine weather. At 8 A.M. I went a-Loft. There is nothing in sight. We had an light-Rain Squall at 9 A.M. After that fine weather again. Afternoon our water below. At 4 P.M. I went a-Loft and stayed until 6 & then came down and took Tea - At Sunset we took in Sail & Haisted the Bysail. Evening very fine weather. So Ends this day's transaction with fine weather but no Whales. Lat. 25=19 Long. 50=32

3 At Sea Thursday June 24th 1858. 3

Thursday morning water was called at 4 A.M. After we had washed up and made Sail I went a-Loft. This day opens with a moderate breeze from the S.W. There is nothing in sight - our water below this forenoon. The Sky is overcast & looks squally. At 12 A.M. we had a very heavy tempest with Rain Squalls. We took in the mainsail & set the topsail & Flying Gibb. We had continual Rain Showers & Squalls all the afternoon. We have had up our Loft this afternoon as the Shunder and fighting are very heavy. Evening better weather. So Ends 2nd day. Lat. 25=42 Long. 50=27

3 At Sea Friday June 25th 1858. 3

Friday morning. Fine weather & fair. At 8 A.M. I went a-Loft. We have fine weather and beautiful seeing, but there is nothing in sight. Our Capt. is rather unwell to day. Afternoon our water below. This afternoon we have it very moderate & pleasant. At 4 P.M. I went a-Loft & stayed until 6 P.M. & then came down & took Tea - Evening At Sunset the Loft burned a way. We took in the mainsail, Gaff topsail, and Flying Gibb. At 8 P.M. my first water. Had very pleasant weather during my watch. At 9 P.M. I called the other watch and then went below and retired. So Ends this day's transactions with fine weather, but nothing in sight. Lat. 25=14 Long. 50=48

3 On Board Scho. Varnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Saturday June 26th 1858. 3

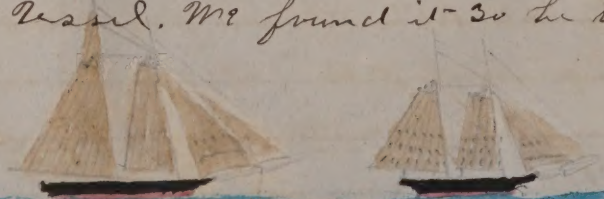
Saturday morning. This day opens with fine weather & moderate breeze. After we worked off Deck's I went a Lt. Our Watch below this forenoon. Afternoon very pleasant. After dinner I went a Lt. There is one vessel in sight to the windward. Our Watch are employed in sitting up the Boom sprit Sugs. After I came down I went to work on the Larboard Sugs. After I had finished my job of work, I lost Joseph Francis (Small Boy) our board. At 4 P.M. we had a run Rain Showers. Evening. At Sunset we took in Sail. So Ends this Day. Lat. 29° 04' Long. 51° 47'

3 At Sea Sunday June 27th 1858. 3

Sunday morning. This day opens with fine weather and a light breeze & pleasant. After breakfast Josiah & myself went and layed in the Main Mast. I told him a bit the Birds I had in the Country. The Winters that I was up there to School. At 12 O'clock we had some heavy Rain Showers. This day has been spent in Reeling, Sleeping &c. &c. Evening very fine weather & moderate. At 8 P.M. I retired. So Ends this Day. Lat. 29° 00' Long. 51° 47'

3 At Sea Monday June 28th 1858. 3

Monday morning. This day opens with fine weather and very moderate. At 6 A.M. we had several heavy Rain Showers. After breakfast I went a Lt. At 8 A.M. Our Watch below. They had several Rain Squalls this forenoon. At 12 A.M. very Squelly. There is a vessel ahead of us. At 2 P.M. I went a Lt. At 3¹/₂ P.M. we came up and spoke the vessel. We found it to be the Scho. James of Liverpool.



{Capt. Eddredge} She is out 3 months & has 65 bbls of sperm. At Sunset we took in Sail. So Ends this Day. Lat. 29° 45' Long. 51° 24'

3 At Sea Tuesday June 29th 1858. 3

Tuesday morning. This day opens with Rain Squalls. Our watch on Deck this forenoon. we filled one cask with Salt-water this forenoon. At 10 A.M. I went a Lt. Saw a large Bill Fish playing in our wake. Afternoon quite pleasant. Our Watch below. At 5 P.M. I went a Lt. At 6 P.M. I saw a Porpoise to the Leeward, we ran down to it & found it to be a whole Porpoise. At Sunset we took in the Mainsail & Foresail & set the Tugsail. So Ends this Day's transaction with fine weather. Lat. 29° 22' Long. 51° 45'

3 On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Wednesday June 30th 1858. 3
Wednesday morning. This Day opens with strong westerly
winds. It was blowing so fresh that we did not hoist the
mainsail. We have been running to the S & E all Day. Our watch
below this forenoon. There is nothing in sight this forenoon.
Afternoon. A very fresh breeze, nothing doing a boat & crew to Day.
At 2 P.M. I sent a boat & stayed until 4 O'clock, we have not
hoisted the mainsail hoisted to Day. At Sunset the boat hauled
a net in the flying jib. So ends this Day. Lat. 30-15 Long. 51-48

3 At Sea Thursday July 1st 1858. 3
This Day opens with quite a fresh breeze from the westward.
Our watch on Deck this forenoon, At 10 A.M. I sent a boat. At 10³⁰
there was a topsail schooner came down & spoke us. We did learn
her name. She belonged to Lippicum, the Capt's name was Hattinway.
She is out 7 weeks from home & has 100 bbls of sperm. Afternoon
our watch below. At 12 A.M., we had our heavy rain shower. At 4
P.M. Our watch on Deck, there is four whales in sight. At 5 P.M.
I sent a boat. There is a boy running down towards us. At 6 P.M.
I spoke us. We found it to be the Barge, the of Winslow of -



en Bedford {Capt Read} Capt Read came a board of us & spent
the evening. Mr Hattinway went on board of the Barge. They
have seen Whales once since we saw them last. At 9³⁰ P.M.
Capt Read went a board of his own vessel. So ends this Day's
transaction with fine weather but no Whales. Lat. 28-51 Long. 51-45

At Sea Friday July 2nd 1858. 3
Friday morning. This Day opens with fine weather and
pleasant breeze. After breakfast I sent a boat & stayed
until 8 A.M. Our watch below this forenoon. Afternoon - our
watch on Deck. At 10 O'clock P.M. we had a light rain shower.
I mended the Steward's Coffee Pot for him this afternoon.
At 2 P.M. I sent a boat. There is three whales in sight
- the Leonard. After tea I wrote up my journal. Evening
- Sunset the boat hauled a net & we took in sail. There
have been several vessels in sight - so far but no Whales. At 8 P.M.
I went on the House, for the Boat boys want to let me sleep in
the cabin. So ends this Day's transaction. Lat. 28-31 Long. 51-24

3 On Board Schooner Vassar H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Saturday July 3rd 1858. 3

Saturday morning. This day opens with moderate weather but squally. After breakfast I cleaned all my spaces. Our water on deck this forenoon. At 10 A.M. I went a-look. There is three vessels in sight to the leeward. Afternoon our watch below. This afternoon very pleasant. After 3m I went a-look. There is a vessel to the windward a running down towards us. At 6 P.M. She hoisted her colors. Our Capt. lowered a net his boat & went a-board of her. There met come a board of us. We found it to be the Schooner James.



Of Liverpool. The mate stayed a board until 8 o'clock P.M. At sunset we took in sail & hoisted the topsail. At 9 1/2 P.M. Our Capt. returned a board. So ends this day. Lat. 29=26 Long. 51=27.

3 At Sea Sunday July 4th 1858. 3

It is one year ago 3 day. That we were in company with the Schooner Washington (of Edgerstown). And on that day we partook of a delicious meal of mutton & beef. This day commences with fine weather & a pleasant breeze. At 3 o'clock A.M. The Bed Bug drove me from my berth & I went on deck & slept in the Stern Boat. After breakfast I took my bedding on deck and slaughtered some thousands of Bed Bugs. Jack & myself occupy the Waist Boat. We had an airing over the boat & it seems very cool. We spent the day in reading & talking of Home. We have it very pleasant this afternoon. This day has been spent in reading & sleeping as usual. Evening very pleasant. At 8 P.M. I retired until my watch. So ends this day. Lat. 28=45 Long. 51=29.

3 At Sea Monday July 5th 1858 3

Monday morning. This day opens with fine weather. Last evening she started very bad & sure the Foresail & we had to make some repairs on it before we hoisted it. At 6 1/2 A.M. we saw a whale carcass on the water. We ran close by it. After breakfast we hoisted the mainsail & foresail. At 8 A.M. I went a-look. A large ship standing to the N.W. Afternoon our watch below. At 10 o'clock P.M. I went a-look. There is nothing in sight. We have had fine weather 3 day. Evening at sunset we took in sail & hoisted the topsail. My first watch. At 10 I called the other watch. So ends this day. Lat. 28=58 Long. 52=40.

3 On Board Sch^y Vassar H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Tuesday July 6th 1858. 3

Tuesday morning. This Day opens with fine weather, with a light breeze from the westward. After we had made sail I went a Loft. At 8 A.M. our watch below — Afternoon very pleasant. After dinner I went a Loft & stayed until 3 P.M. There is nothing in sight. At 3 P.M. The Capt shot a Booby bird. It is the only one that I ever saw dead. Evening At Sunset took in the Mainsail & Foresail & Hoisted the Topsail. Nothing in sight. So Ends this Day's Transaction. Lat. 29 = 10 Long. 53 = 58.

3 At Sea Wednesday July 7th 1858. 3
Wednesday morning. This Day opens with moderate weather & some what cloudy. At 8 A.M. I went a Loft. we have had fine light rain shows this forenoon. There is nothing in sight. Afternoon our watch below. At 4 P.M. I went a Loft & stayed until 5 & then came down & took tea. At Sunset the Capt hauled a net. we took in the Mainsail, Foresail & Hoisted the topsail. It looks very squally. Evening very first watch. I had my Rain Shows during the whole of my watch. At 10 I called the other watch. So Ends this Day. Lat. 30 = 05 Long. 53 = 40.

3 At Sea Thursday July 8th 1858. 3
Thursday morning. This Day opens with a cloudy sky. After we had made sail I went a Loft. There is nothing in sight. Our watch below this forenoon. Afternoon quite pleasant. At 12 A.M. I went a Loft. It looks very squally to the windward. At 5 P.M. we took in the Mainsail and done some sewing. At 6 P.M. in with heavy Rain Showers. we were to work on the sail during all the Rain. At 8 P.M. I retired. So Ends 2^d Day. Lat. 1.00 = 00 Long. 00 = 00.

3 At Sea Friday July 9th 1858. 3
Friday morning. This Day opens with fine weather. At 8 O'clock A.M. our watch on Deck. I went a Loft. Saw a large Ship standing to the N.W. At 9 A.M. There was a large School of Porpoises short distance from us. The Capt got his Harpoon all ready, but they would not come near the vessel. Afternoon light winds and passing clouds. Our watch below. I had a while & then retired. At 4 P.M. I went a Loft. we have fine weather, but nothing in sight. At dusk I took in sail and Hoisted the Topsail. Evening very pleasant, my first watch. At 10 I called the watch then retired. So Ends this Day. Lat. 00 = 00 Long. 00 = 00.

3 On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Saturday July 10th 1858. 3

Saturday morning. This day opens with fine weather. After we had masted down Decks & made Sail, I went a-Loft. After breakfast I went to work & cleaned my Spade. There is nothing in sight this morning. Our watch below this Forenoon. Afternoon very pleasant. After dinner I went a-Loft. Saw a Berg to the Leeward of us, she is standing a long with us. At 6 P.M. we ran down & speak her. We found it to be the



Berg Montezuma of New Bedford {Capt. Baxter} She has been from Home 25 months & has 500 bbls of Oil. Capt. Baxter came a-board of us & spent the Evening. So Ends this Day. Lat. 29=24 Long. 50=

3 At Sea Sunday July 11th 1858. 3

Sunday morning. This day opens with quite pleasant weather. We have quite a fresh breeze from the Eastward & passing clouds. After breakfast Jasick & myself occupied 3m with the m. improved the greater part of this day in reading & talking about Home. Evening. It is quite cloudy & looks very Squally. At 8 P.M. I retired until my Watch. So Ends 2d Day. Lat. 29=07 Long. 50=

3 At Sea Monday July 12th 1858. 3

Monday morning. This day opens with a moderate breeze from the Eastward. The whole Heavens a Black & looks very Squally. After breakfast I went a-Loft. At 8 A.M. the Squall struck us, we did not have up the mainsail. we had the Drysail set; we took in the Foresail & Gill & let her lay under the Drysail. It lasted for a half an hour. After the Squall was over we hoisted 3m Foresail & Gill again. Our watch below this Forenoon. Afternoon quite pleasant; but quite a fresh breeze, we took in 3m Drysail & hoisted 3m Mainsail. I have been saving up an Iron Pole to make some Scrubbs. At 2 O'clock P.M. I went a-Loft. At 3 I saw a Sail a long distance to the Leeward. At 5 P.M. we took 3m. After tea we took in the Foresail & repaired it. At Sunset the Loft burned a way & we took in Sail. we have it quite masted this Evening, but looks very Squally to the windward. At 8 P.M. I retired until my Watch. So Ends this Day's Transactions with Squally weather & nothing in sight. Lat. 28=24 Long. 50=

3 On Board Ship Parmour H. Hill

3 At Sea Tuesday July 13th 1858. 3
uesday morning. This day opens with Rain Squalls
fresh winds. We did not Haul the mainsail this
morning as it was very squally. There is one Barge and
Scho. up off our weather quarter. At 8 A.M. Our watch on
M. We have it very squally this forenoon. Mr Hapkins
has been putting a New Patent Button in the main Gaff.
We have constant Rain Showers & Squalls during the forenoon.
10 A.M. I sent a Loft & Steward until 12 O'clock, Afternoon
watch below. After Tea I sent a Loft and Steward
until Sunset. We have not Haul the mainsail Hauled
to day. Evening we have a fresh breeze. My 2nd watch to
light. So Ends This Day. Lat = or Long = or

3 At Sea Wednesday July 14th 1858. 3
Wednesday morning. This day opens with passing
clouds & a very fresh breeze from the S & E. We did not
Haul the mainsail this morning. After breakfast I sent
Loft & Steward until 5 O'clock A.M. Our watch below
the forenoon. Afternoon. quite a fresh breeze and a heavy
rain. This forenoon they reported from a Loft that the Flying jib stay
is badly shaped. They sent it down & this afternoon we repaired
out it up a gain. It was so rough we had to keep off before the
wind during the operation. At 2 P.M. I sent a Loft on vessel
light to the windward. At 3 P.M. we took in the foresail and
poised it. We have not Haul the mainsail Hauled to day.
morning. rather more moderate. So Ends This Day. Lat = or Long = or

3 At Sea Thursday July 15th 1858. 3
Thursday morning. This day opens with fine weather & more moderate.
After breakfast we Hauled the mainsail. This is the first time
we have had the mainsail Hauled since last Monday.
Our watch on Deck this forenoon. At 8 A.M. we passed a
large sailing ship, do not know who she was, but suppose it was
the Admiral Blake. I painted the top of the Sally
this forenoon. At 10 A.M. I sent a Loft. nothing in sight.
Afternoon. Our watch below. At 5 P.M. I sent a Loft and
Steward until Sunset. Evening. we had one heavy Rain
squall. We are running our course to the weather under
mainsail & jib. At 8 P.M. retired until my watch.
So Ends This Day's Transactions. Lat = or Long = or

3 On Board Sch^r Varnum H. Hill.

3 At Sea Friday July 16th 1858. 3

Friday morning. This day opens with fine and pleasant weather. After breakfast I sent a Loft and stepped under 8 o'clock A.M. Our Watch below this forenoon. We had our Rain Showers at 12 o'clock. Afternoon our Watch on Deck. After dinner I filled up the Stewards Oil Keggs with Oil. At 2 P.M. I sent a Loft. There has been nothing in Sight to day. We are running our course to the N.W. under mainsail & jib. At 5 o'clock P.M. we took Tea. After Tea Joseph Francis seated himself for the purpose of having a Tooth Extracted. Mr Hiptkins performed the dental duty but with not very good success. He broke the tooth off level with the Gum. And it pains him very bad. Evening. At Sunset the Lofts hauled away. We hauled the Mainsail & jib up and are running our course W.N.W. At 8 P.M. I retired. So Ends This Day. Lat. 00 = 00 Long. 00 = 00

3 At Sea Saturday July 17th 1858. 3

Saturday morning. This day opens with fine weather. We are running our course W.N.W. Our Watch on Deck this forenoon. At 8 A.M. we have it rather squally with heavy Rain Showers. At 9 A.M. the Clewing down the Reef Topsail as there it very bad. I sent a Loft & repaired it. At 10 A.M. I relieved the Loft. We have had fine weather since 10 o'clock. At 11 A.M. I was troubled with my Eye Sight. I have a Back Cold & it is settled in my Head. When I came from a Loft I could not see anything. Afternoon our Watch below. I have been employed this Afternoon in Bathing my Eyes in Cold water. At 5 P.M. I sent a Loft. But my Eyes pained me so bad I could not have seen Whales if they had been a long side! At Sunset I hauled away we turn in the Mainsail & Haisted the Topsail. We are running our course W.N.W. Evening my Eyes pain me very bad. At 8 P.M. I retired but could not sleep. So Ends This Day. Lat. 24 = 24 Long. 56 = 56

3 At Sea Sunday July 18th 1858. 3

Sunday morning. This day opens with fine and pleasant weather & very warm. This day has been spent as usual. in Sleeping Reading &c. My Eyes are some what better this morning. But I can't see to read. We are running to the W.N.W. Evening my Eyes are quite well. At 8 P.M. I sent below on duty. So Ends This Days Transaction. Lat. 29 = 24 Long. 57 = 10

3 On Board Ship Farnum H. Hill

3 At Sea Monday July 19th 1858 3
Monday morning. This Day opens with fine and pleasant
weather. Joseph Francis is laboring under a distressing
cough & fever. The Capt. went up and staid his Left
At 8 A.M. Our watch on Deck. I went up and relieved
the Capt. we have fine and pleasant weather 2^d Day.
There is nothing in sight. We are running our course
N.W. At 10 A.M. I came from a Left. There is nothing
sailing a hant-Deck. At 11 A.M. We filled our Casks with
Salt-Water. Afternoon very pleasant. Our Watch below.
At 4 P.M. I went a Left. There is nothing in sight.
At Sunset the Left-horned a way. we took in the
Mainsail & Haisted the Tropsail. Evening very pleasant. my
first-watch. At 10 I called the other Watch & then went
below & retired. So Ends this Day's Transactions with
in weather and nothing in sight. Lat. 30=32 Long. 57=41....

3 At Sea Tuesday July 20th 1858 3
Tuesday morning. This Day opens with quite a fresh
breeze & passing clouds. After we had made Sail I went a
Left. There is a Barge {Merchantman} running to the N.East.
Our Watch below this Forenoon. After I had writt up my
Journal I retired. Afternoon quite pleasant. After dinner I
went a Left. Nothing in sight. At 5 O'clock P.M. we had our
rain Squall. At Sunset the Left-horned a way. we took in
the Mainsail & Haisted the Tropsail. Evening At 8 P.M. I retired
with my Watch. So Ends this Day. Lat. 31=06 Long. 58=11.

3 At Sea Wednesday July 21st 1858. 3
Wednesday morning. This Day opens with a fresh breeze
from the N.W. At 8 A.M. I went a Left. Nothing in sight.
There is nothing sailing a hant-Deck this Forenoon.
Afternoon Our Watch below. At 4 P.M. I went a Left and
staid until 5 & then I came down & took Tea. At 6¹/₂ P.M.
there were several Black Fish playing around us. but
being so rough we did not lower for them. We are been
running to the W.N.W. all Day. At 6 O'clock P.M. there was a Brig
{Merchantman} passing us running to the S.W. At Sunset the
Left-horned a way & we took in the Mainsail and
haisted the Tropsail. Evening. my first-watch. So Ends
this Day's Transaction. Lat. 30=58 Long. 58=20

On Board Ship Tarnum H. Hill

At Sea Thursday July 22nd 1858.

Thursday morning. This Day opens with a fresh breeze from the S.W. After we had washed off Deck I went a Loft. We did not Hoist the Mainsail this morning. At 8 A.M. I went ~~to Deck~~ ^{below}. Our watch below this forenoon, Afternoon. Wind still a breeze. After dinner I went a Loft. At 12 P.M. Took the Baromet off the Jib, & set a 13th jib and Reefed the Bysail. At 2 P.M. I came from a Loft. Wind blowing very fresh and rough. Evening rather more moderate. At 8 P.M. I retired until my watch. So Ends this Day's Transaction with fresh Winds. Lat. 29-54 Long. 58-00

At Sea Friday July 23rd 1858.

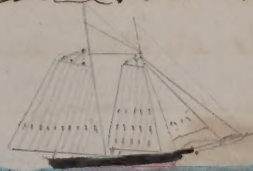
Friday morning. This Day opens with strong Winds. This morning we are running to the Eastward & I suppose that we are bound down in 50-00 Long. We have very windy weather up here. We are 14 Months from Home to Day. After breakfast we hoisted the Mainsail. Our watch on Deck this forenoon. At 8 A.M. I went a Loft. There is nothing in sight. We are running to the Eastward. We have a very fresh breeze. Afternoon Our watch below. I wrote my Journal & then retired. At 4 P.M. I went a Loft. There is a Brig running off close by us. She is a Merchantman & we chalked Long with him. Evening we now took in Sail, we are running to the Eastward. My first watch. At 10 I called the other watch. So Ends this Day's Transaction. Lat. 30-57 Long. 58-03

At Sea Saturday July 24th 1858.

Saturday morning. This Day opens with quite a fresh breeze from the S.W. After we had washed Deck I went a Loft. There has been two School of Black Birds around us this morning. After breakfast I cleaned my Spectacles. Our watch below this forenoon. Afternoon quite pleasant. After dinner I went a Loft. It looks very hazy as there is nothing in sight. At 2 O'clock P.M. I came from a Loft. There is nothing doing a boat-Deck. This Afternoon I finished reading a novel called Clarel Duval. And I think it to be a good one. At Sunset the Loft hauled away. We did not take in Sail this Evening. We are still running our course to the Eastward. At 8 P.M. I retired until my watch. It is very warm in the Cabin this Evening. So Ends this Day. Lat. 31-31 Long. 58-20

On Board Schooner H. Hill

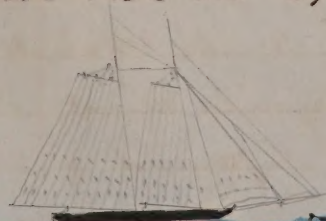
At Sea Sunday July 25th 1858.
 Sunday morning. This Day opens with fine weather & pleasant breeze from the S.W. After breakfast I took my Bed Clothes on Deck & I know I shall interest some thousands of Bed Bugs. We have been running the Eastward all Day. At 6 O'clock P.M. we took the Mainsail. At 6 1/2 minutes the Schooner Admiral



lake (Capt Blankenship) came down and Spoke to us. Our Capt sent a barrel of Her. She belongs to Liverpool. She is out 11 weeks & has 100 Bbls of Spum. At 7 P.M. the Capt turned Evening quite pleasant. So Ends This Day. Lat 32=16 Long 52=44

At Sea Monday July 26th 1858. ^{James B. Wharfe}
 Sunday morning. This Day opens with fine & pleasant weather. After breakfast I sent a Loft & stayed until 1 O'clock A.M. there was one vessel in sight. Our watch below this Forenoon. Afternoon quite pleasant. At 2 P.M. sent a Loft. There is one vessel in sight off our Beam. I have had beautiful weather to Day. But it does seem impossible for us to find Whales. At Sunset the Loft found way. we took in Sail. Evening very pleasant. The moon shining brightly. So Ends This Day. Lat 00=00 Long 00=00

At Sea Tuesday July 27th 1858.
 Tuesday morning. This Day opens with quite a fresh breeze from the S.W. Our watch on Deck this Forenoon. At 10 A.M. I sent a Loft. There is a vessel ahead. At 11 we came within hailing distance. we found it to be the Schooner Admiral lake. The same one we spoke last Sunday Evening.



Forenoon Our watch below. After 3 we sent a Loft and stayed until Sunset. This Evening it looks very foggy. we took in the Mainsail & Foresail and Hoisted the Topsail. So Ends This Days transaction with fine weather but no Whales. Lat 32=00 Long 52=08

3 On Board The Vassar H. Hill

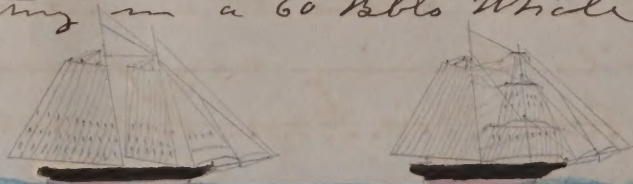
3 At Sea Wednesday July 28th 1858. 3

Wednesday morning. This day opens with quite pleasant weather. After breakfast I went a Lt. - We left for one School of Porpoises. There is no sail in - Light - this morning. Our Water below this Forenoon. Afternoon very pleasant. We are running to the Southwest & Eastward. Our Watch on Deck. This afternoon I was employed in talking the Bismarck's Com. At 12 P.M. Mr Freeman saw a School of Blackfish. We lowered a net but we missed and

four board boats & went in chase of them. But they seemed very shy. The boats did not get near them. At 2 P.M. the Boats returned a herd. This is the first time our boats have hunted to chase fish of any description since the 19 day of May. On that day we took our last Whale. Evening at sunset we took in sail. So ends this day. Lat. 31=33 Long. 50=21

3 At Sea Thursday July 29th 1858. 3

Thursday morning. At 6 A.M. we saw down in the Speaker the Brig Altamaha of Lippicon Capt Fisher. She has 135 Bbls of Sper. She reports the Schs John Adams a cutting in a 60 Bbls while the 26 Just. She

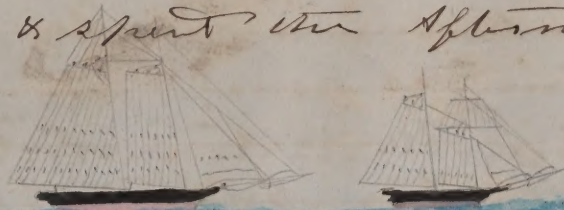


also reports the Schs Renger of Provincetown having taken 60 Bbls of Sper. this summer. This day opens with a fresh breeze from the S.W. After breakfast I went up my Journal. Our Watch on Deck this Forenoon. The wind is backing up from the S.W. At 8 A.M. we took in the Flying Jib & Tumbled it. At 9 O'clock A.M. we took in the Mainsail & Haisted the Bysail. Wind blowing very fresh. At 10 A.M. I went a Lt. At 11 A.M. I reported a vessel on Point of our Lee Bow. She is standing towards us under Foresail & Jib. At 12³⁰ A.M. She passed a short distance to the north of us. We suppose it was the Schs Admiral Baker. Afternoon our Watch below. It has been squally this afternoon. At 5 P.M. I went a Lt. Evening we reefed the Foresail. So ends this day's transaction. But no Whales. Lat. 31=24 Long. 49=15

3 On Board Scho. Harbun H. Hill

3 At Sea Friday July 30th 1858 3

Friday morning. This day opens with quite pleasant weather. After breakfast I went a Loft. There is a Berg to the Leeward of us, suppose that she is a Whaler. At 8 O'clock, A.M., we took down the Bysail & Hoisted the Mainsail. Our watch below this forenoon. Afternoon very pleasant. At 1³ O'clock, P.M., we spoke the Scho. Retrieval of Lippiceen {Capt Hathaway} She is the vessel that we spoke the first day of this month & did not learn her name. Our Capt went a board of the Retrieval & spent the afternoon. Mr Muncell



Our first Officer came a board of us. She has taken in the Whaler since she saw us. It made 50 bbls of Oil. She now has 155 Bbls of Spruce. She is two months & a half from Home. She is to leave here to go Home in August the 15th day. I sent our letters to my wife by them. I do not know as she will be at Home much before we do, but as I had my letters all ready I thought I would improve the opportunity. At 8³ Mr Muncell went a board of his own vessel. Evening we were out in sail. So ends this day's transaction with fine weather. Lat. 31-36 Long. 48-48

3 At Sea Saturday July 31st 1858. 3

Saturday morning. This day opens with fine and pleasant weather. After breakfast we commenced breaking up the Hold. At 10, A.M., I went a Loft. There was nothing in sight. - Afternoon Our watch below. After dinner I wrote up my Journal. We have it very pleasant this afternoon. The Starboard watch are employed in replacing the afters Hold. We have been employed this day in taking water casks from the Main Hold & stowed them in the afters Hold & filled them with water to drive her by the Stern. After tea I went a Loft & stowed until sunset. At sunset we took in sail & hoisted the Bysail. Evening very pleasant. My 2^d watch to night. So ends this the last day of July for the year of our Lord A.D. 1858. So Harbun will commence with August the 1st. Lat. 29-29 Long. 48-55

On Board Ship Carman H. Hill

3 At Sea Thursday August 1st, A.D. 1858. 3
Sunday morning. This Day commences with fine weather & a pleasant breeze from the S.W. Westward. This morning we are standing to the Westward. we have the Foreail Jib & Bysail set. Jas. & myself have spent a great portion of this Day in talking of Home & Affairs in general. I suppose that we shall start for Home a bout the 1st of this month. I know it is a short time! but it looks very long to wait for the time to arrive. This Day has been spent in reading & sleeping as usual. Evening very pleasant. So Ends This Day's Transaction. Lat. 29=26 Long 50=14.

3 At Sea Monday August 2^d 1858. 3
Monday morning. This Day commences with fine weather and a moderate breeze from the Westward. Our watch on Deck this Forenoon. my first Left. At 8 A.M. I went a Left and stayed until 10 O'clock A.M. There is nothing in Sight this Forenoon. Mr Hopkins is employed in making a Pound Barrel for the Capt. Afternoon very pleasant. Our Watch below this Afternoon At 4 O'clock P.M. I went a Left and stayed until 5 & then came down & took Tea. There is nothing in Sight. At Sunset we took in Sail & Hoisted the Bysail. We have it very pleasant & moderate this Evening. My first watch. At 10 I called the other watch & then went below and retired. So Ends This Day. Lat. 29=26 Long 50=32.

3 At Sea Tuesday August 3^d 1858. 3
Tuesday morning. This Day commences with fine weather & a pleasant breeze from the Westward. After we had washed Decks & made Sail I went a Left. There is nothing in Sight. After breakfast our watch went to work on the Bob Stay. Billy & John Lee went on board & put on a new piece of Chain we finished the job at 10 O'clock A.M. Our Watch below. I wrote up my Journal. Afternoon. very pleasant. After dinner I went a Left. There is nothing in Sight. After I came from a Left I went to work & covered the Shear Poles with leather we are making preparations to go to work on the Rigging. At Sunset we took in Sail. So Ends This Day's Transaction with fine weather. Lat. 29=11 Long 50=45.

On Board Schooner H. Hill

At Sea Wednesday August 4th 1858.
Wednesday morning. This Day commences with Rain Squalls. The Sky is overcast & cloudy & has the appearance of being a Squally Day. Our Watch on Deck this Forenoon. At 8 O'clock, A.M. I went a Loft. After I came from a Loft I went to work and put the Shear Pole on. It has been very pleasant to Day. It had the appearance of being very Squally this morning. but it has been quite a pleasant Day. Afternoon Our Watch below. We are running to the N.W. At 4 O'clock, P.M. I went a Loft. There is nothing to be seen but Flying Fish. At 5, P.M. I came down & took in. At Sunset the Loft lowered a way. we took in the Mainsail & Flying Jib. we are running to the westward under Foresail & Jib. Evening we have quite a fresh breeze. my first watch. At 10 O'clock I called the other watch. So Ends This Day's Transaction. Lat. 31=37 Long. 51=00

At Sea Thursday August 5th 1858.
Thursday morning. This Day opens with Rain Squalls passing clouds. After we had washed Deck I went a Loft & stayed until 6 O'clock & then came down & breakfasted. After breakfast we hoisted the Mainsail at 8, A.M. we have quite pleasant weather again. Our Watch below this Forenoon, we are running we came to the N.W. Afternoon. It looks some what Squally. Our Watch are employed in setting up the Fore Rigging on the Larboard side. At 3 O'clock P.M. blowing very fresh. we took in the Mainsail. At Sunset the Loft lowered a way. So Ends This Day. Lat. 31=37 Long. 51=10

At Sea Friday August 6th A.D. 1858.
Friday morning. This Day opens with quite pleasant weather. It is Mr Linnell's Birth Day. Age 67 years. At 8 O'clock, A.M. I went a Loft. At 8 O'clock there was a Box a short distance from us. lowered a way the Waist Boat went out & picked it up. It was an empty Box. Mr Green took his Fish Line with him. He caught three Dolphins & one John Doury. After I came from a Loft I went to work on the Fore Rigging. Afternoon Our Watch below. At 4, P.M. I went a Loft. There is nothing in sight. we had a Dolphin Shamoles for Supper. Evening. very pleasant. my first watch. So Ends This Day. Lat. 31=20 Long. 51=41



On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Saturday August 7th 1858.

Saturday morning. This Day opens with fine and pleasant weather. After we had worked off Deck I went a Loft. we have it calm and very pleasant. After breakfast I went to work and cleaned my Spades. After breakfast we Hoisted the Mainsail and Foresail. Our water below this forenoon Afternoon very pleasant and warm. After dinner I went a Loft and stayed until 2 O'clock, P.M. There is nothing at all in sight & it looks very Loozon. I should like much to see a large Whale for it is a beautiful ^{Day} to capture one of those Monsters of the Deep. After I came from a Loft I went to work on the Rigging. At Sunset the Loft lowered a way, we took in Sail and Hoisted the Tropsail Evening very moderate. At 8 O'clock, P.M. I retired until my watch. So ends this Day. Lat 32-31 Long 51-14.

At Sea Sunday August 8th 1858.

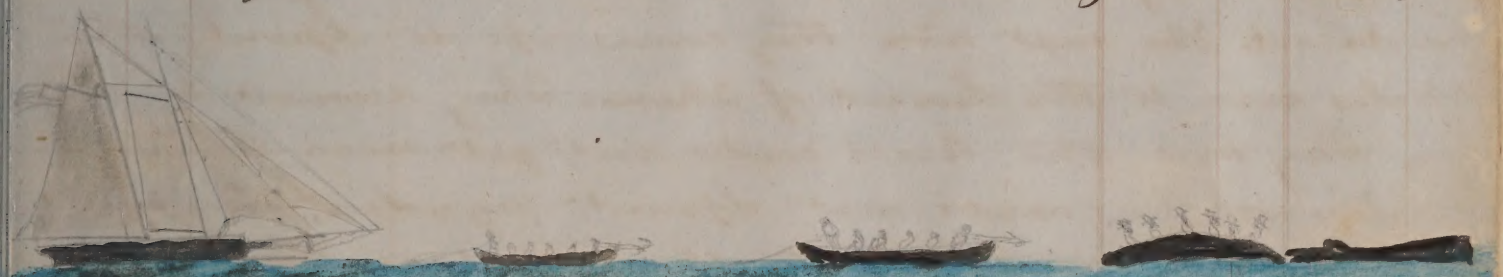
Sunday morning. This Day opens with fine and pleasant weather. We are laying under Tropsail & Gib. We have it calm and very Hot. At 7 O'clock, A.M. there were several sperm Scamperis playing a round us. At 8, A.M. I went to work & took my Bedding on Deck & slaughtered some thousands of Bed Bugs. We have an burning our the House, & a hot - all of the After Guards are under there a reading. Afternoon very pleasant & moderate. This Day has been spent as usual. Evening my 2^d watch. So ends this Day's transaction. Lat 32-31 Long 50-49.

At Sea Monday August 9th 1858.

Monday morning. This Day opens with fine weather & very pleasant. After breakfast I went a Loft. There is a three masted Schooner a short distance to the Leeward of us. Our water below this forenoon. I think we are a good way to have a very warm Day. Afternoon moderate and very pleasant. After dinner I went to work on the Fore Rigging. At 12 O'clock, P.M. Dublin said he saw something that looked like a Spout - a head. Mr. Freeman was a Loft at the time & sent down for the Glasses. He had the Glasses but a short while before he gave the alarm of Three the Blows. When I went a Loft I could see the Whales very plain we got all three Boats

On Board Schooner Parmour H. Hill

in readiness and launch before we were very near to the
whales. And I ran a long with the vessel after them but it
being so very moderate the got a long much faster than I
could. There was a very large body of them. And they seemed
very moderate. There were whales in every direction! At
6 o'clock P.M. The Starboard Boat went on & he fired his
guns & pierced the whale. I see the white water & thought
he was fast. At the same time I signalled to the other
boats & they went down to the Starboard Boat & found that
the was upset & the crew were on the bottom of her. I
could not get down to them for I had it very moderate. After



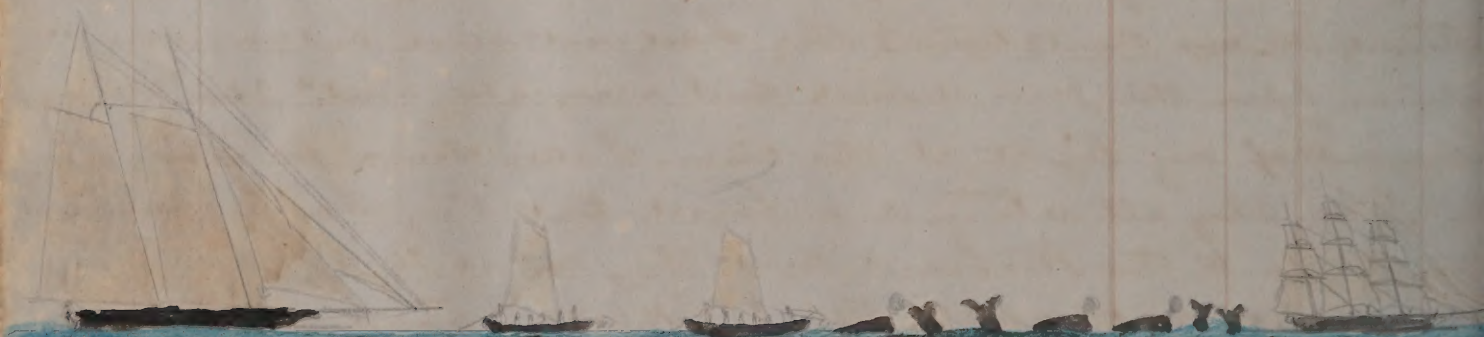
The Starboard & Waist Boats arrived to their assistance
they turned the water out of the boat & the crew got into the
Waist Boat & they went on after the Schooner. At 4 P.M. Mr. Freeman
fastened. {He was Boatsteward} She had not run but a short
distance before the gun drove. And a very short time. The Boats
were out of my sight at the time. I ran down for them and
at 7 P.M. they all returned a vessel, but they had no whales.
The whale to the Starboard Boat they called 90 Bbls & the one
to the Waist Boat 80 Bbls. After the Boats returned a vessel in
the main sail. So ends this day with poor success. Lat. 32-08 Long. 51-00

3 At Sea Tuesday August 10th 1858. 3
Tuesday morning. This day opens with fine weather. At 8 A.M.
I went to work on the Fore Rigging. At 10 A.M. I went a drift. we
have it very pleasant. Afternoon our watch below. After I
had finished writing in my Journal I retired and had
a nap. At 4 o'clock P.M. our watch on Deck. After tea I went
a drift and stayed until sunset. This has been a
most beautiful day to have taken a large whale.
There has been nothing in sight to day. At sunset we
took in the mainsail & double reefed the foresail
& hoisted the gysail. It looks very squally to the windward
evening. my 2nd watch. So ends this day's transaction
with fine weather but no whales. Lat. 31-53 Long. 52-36.

3 On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill.

3 At Sea Wednesday August 11th 1858. 3

Wednesday morning. This Day opens with quite pleasant weather. It looks very squally to the windward. After breakfast I went a Lift and stayed until 8 O'clock A.M. Our Watch below this Forenoon. Afternoon quite a breeze. After dinner I went to work on the Fore Rigging. At 2 O'clock P.M. I went a Lift. At 2³⁰ P.M. Mr Greenman thought he saw Sprouts to the windward, but it was so far off he could not tell. He sent down for the Slasses. After he looked with the Slasses he gave the Alarm of Three the Blows. We lowered away the Starboard & Main Boats & they went to the windward. The next time they came up to Spout the Whales were to the Leeward of them. They seemed to be very shy and the Boats could not get near them. At times they would not Spout regularly. They would go to the windward & the Boats would chase them and the next rising the Whales would be a long distance to the Leeward of them. At times they were going very fast.

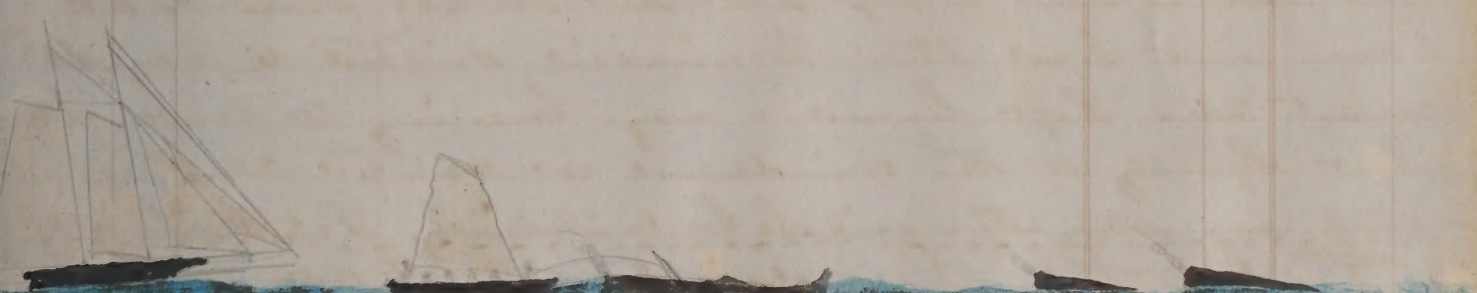


And then a gain they seemed to be very much alarmed. At 4³⁰ O'clock P.M. The Starboard Boat lowered away and went in chase of them. The Whales were bound to the Leeward & going very fast. The Boats all had up their Sails, but they did not seem to gain on them at all. I was running after them with the vessel. I had a good breeze & a fair wind, but I did not gain on the Boats but a very little. At Sunset the Boats gave up the chase. They were a long distance from the vessel. I saw them Spout several times after Sunset. At 7 O'clock P.M. I went down to the Boats. After they came a head we took in Sail. There is a large Merchant Ship close by us, bound to the westward. So ends this Day's Work but no Whales. Lat. 31° 47' Long. 51° 30'

3 On Board Sch^r Tarrum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Thursday August 12th 1858. 3

Thursday morning. This Day opens with quite a fresh breeze. At 6^o O'clock, A.M. Mr Hopkins gave the alarm of Three She Blues. There was a large School of Whales. They seemed to be patting all over the ground. At 8^o O'clock, A.M. There was a whale came up a short-distance a time. We lowered away the Long board boat. She went out & fastened. But she had not run but a



short-distance before the Boat came out, & away she went to the windward. They called her a 50 bls whale, we are now working to the windward. That is the third School of Whales that we have seen this week, we worked to the windward but the Whales went faster than we could go. Afternoon Our watch below. At 4 O'clock, P.M. Mr Hopkins saw a lone whale. After tea we lowered away all three Boats & went in pursuit of her. After the Boats lowered she had but one rising. When she came up we was to the windward of the Boats. She spouted 3 times & then home her flukes. It was then sunset. I arrived down to the Boats. At 1 O'clock, P.M. So Ends this Day. Lat. 31-26 Long. 51-10.

3 At Sea Friday August 13th 1858. 3

Friday morning. We have it moderate but some few Rain showers. After breakfast I went a Loft. While I was a Loft there was a most beautiful Rain Bow made its appearance. It lasted some 20 minutes. Our watch below this forenoon. Afternoon quite moderate, but a heavy swell. After dinner I went to work on the Rigging. At 2 O'clock, P.M. I went a Loft. There is nothing in sight. At 4, P.M. it looks very squally to the windward. At 5, P.M. calm. At 6^o P.M. we took in the Mainsail & Foresail & Hoisted the Bysail. Evening At 8 O'clock, P.M. I retired until my watch. So Ends this Day's transaction. But no Whales & nothing in sight. My watch was called at 2, P.M. quite good weather. Lat. 31-26 Long 51-48.

3 On Board Shs Parson. H. Hill

3 At Sea Saturday August 14th 1858. 3

Saturday morning. This Day opens with quite a fresh breeze from the S.E. we did not Hoist the Main sail this morning as it was blowing so fresh. At 8 A.M. our Watch on Deck, I went to work on the rigging until 10 O'clock A.M. and then I went a Loft. There is nothing in Sight. Afternoon our Watch below. At 2 P.M. we have it quite pleasant & rather more moderate. After Tea I went a Loft & stayed until sunset. We have not hoist the Main sail to Day. At Sunset the Loft burned a way. Evening it looks somewhat squally to the windward. We Hoisted the Gysail & took in the Funsail. So Ends this Day. Lat. 31=35 Long. 50=00

3 At Sea Sunday August 15th 1858. 3
Sunday morning. This Day opens with fine and pleasant weather. We are Paying under our Funsail Gysail & Jib. for Francis, Josiah & myself occupied the After Half of Day. We read Bunk's & talked of Home &c &c. Afternoon quite pleasant & warm. This Day has been spent as usual in reading sleeping &c. I am in hopes four weeks from to Day that we shall be at Home with our friends. For I think that we have been from Home a long time. I suppose that Eastham Campmeeting will commence this week. I should like to be at Home to attend Campmeeting very much, but I must content my self for I know that I cannot. Evening quite pleasant. At 8 P.M. I retired into my watch. So Ends this Day. Lat. 31=02 Long. 51=42

3 At Sea Monday August 16th 1858. 3
Monday morning. This Day opens with quite pleasant weather. Our watch on Deck this Forenoon. At 8 O'clock A.M. I went a Loft. I stayed a Loft until 10 O'clock A.M. and then I came down & went to work on the Rigging. Afternoon we have it quite pleasant. Our watch below. At 4 O'clock P.M. I went a Loft. There is nothing in Sight. At 5 P.M. I came down & took Tea. Evening. At Sunset we took in the Main sail & Funsail. We are running to the S.W. under Jib. It is very moderate. Evening my first watch. So Ends this Day's transaction. Lat. 31=38 Long. 51=15

3 On Board Scho'r Varnum H. Hill.

3 At Sea Tuesday August 17th 1858. 3.
Tuesday morning. This Day commences with
moderate weather but rather squally. we had a few
Rain Showers this morning. After we had made sail
I went a Loft & stayed until 6^o O'clock. A.M. & then I
came down & breakfasted. There is nothing in sight
this morning. Our watch below this forenoon.
Afternoon. After dinner I went a Loft & stayed until
O'clock. P.M. There is nothing in sight. After I came
from a Loft I went to work on the Fore Rigging.
At 6 O'clock. P.M. There was a School of Porpoises com-
ing across our Bow. Mr Freeman started the Harpoon
at them but did not fasten. Evening quite
pleasant. At 8 O'clock. P.M. I retired until my
watch. So Ends This Day's Transaction. Lat. 31-35 Long. 51-50

3 At Sea Wednesday August 18th 1858. 3
Wednesday morning. This Day commences with very
moderate weather & pleasant. It has the appearance of
being a very warm Day. After breakfast Dublin (one
of the Boys) seated himself on the Bulkhead for the
purpose of having a Tooth Extracted. Mr Hopkins
was to perform the Dental Act! but he did not succeed
as the Instrument would not take it out. At 8 O'clock
A.M. I went a Loft. It is calm & she is slatting and
reefing my boat. At 8. A.M. we took in the mainsail,
Foresail, Jib & Flying jib. we are now laying under
Bare Poles. At 10. A.M. I came from a Loft & went to
work on the Fore Rigging. At 12. A.M. John Lee and
Pettty were sent to the Mast Head. They had some
disturbance together. Afternoon calm and very
warm. After dinner we hoisted the Bysail & Jib.
It is calm and she is slatting my boat. Our
Watch below this afternoon. At 4 O'clock. P.M. I went
a Loft. She is reefing at a great rate. It is calm
This has been one of the warmest Days that we
have had this Season. Evening. Calm. my first
watch. very pleasant & warm. The Capt & Passant
are in swimming. So Ends This Day's Transaction
with fine weather. but nothing in sight. Lat. 31-38 Long. 51-44

On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Thursday August 19th 1858.

Thursday morning. This Day commences with fine weather and a moderate breeze from the South East. After we had washed Decks & made Sail I went on a Loft. There is nothing to be seen. At 8 O'clock, A.M., Our Watch below. Afternoon Our Watch on Deck. After dinner I went on a Loft and stayed until 2 O'clock P.M., After I came from a Loft I went to work on the Fore Rigging. I finished setting down this afternoon. The rest of our watch are employed in scraping down the Foremast. The Starboard Water scraped down the Mainmast this forenoon. We have had it very moderate all through this Day. At Sunset 3m Loft - Landed a man, we took in Sail and Hoisted 3m Bysail. Evening very pleasant and moderate. So Ends This Day's Transaction. Lat 31-42 Long 51-49

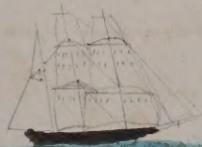
At Sea Friday August 20th 1858.

Friday morning. This Day commences with fine weather, but calm. It has the appearance of being a very warm Day. There is a Sail off our weather. Breeze is a long distance off. At 7 O'clock A.M., Jasiah took 3m Starboard Boat & has gone a board of H.C.S. Our Watch on Deck this Forenoon. At 8 A.M. I went on a Loft. we are laying with the Bysail & Foresail up. It is calm and very warm. Our Watch are employed in flushing down the Foremast. Mr Hopkins & Mr Freeman are to work a Painting the Bends. After I came from a Loft I went to work a Painting. We finished the Bends at 1 O'clock P.M. Afternoon very warm and calm. Our watch below. At 2 O'clock P.M. The Boat arrived a board. Jasiah reports her to be a Spanish Berg. She is from Havana, bound to Callio. She has had 22 Days passage from Havana up to the Long of 51-40. She has had very moderate weather during her passage. Jasiah said that he met with very kind Reception & had a very good visit. Evening very warm & pleasant. At Sunset Jasiah & myself went on board & had a Dinner. This is the first time I have been in. Swimming for the voyage. So Ends This Day's Transaction's. Lat 31-28 Long 50-48.

On Board Schs Parrum H. Hill

At Sea Saturday August 21st 1858.
 Saturday morning. This Day commences with fine weather & calm. I think it is a going to be a warm day. We did not hoist the mainsail this morning. After breakfast I cleaned all my spaces, our water below this forenoon. Afternoon very pleasant and moderate. We have not had the mainsail hoisted to day. We are been to work on the Ben Spirit Rigg. The Starboard water finished painting the waist to day. Evening very pleasant and calm. Jash myself & some of the Boys went in swimming. So Ends this Day. Lat. 31=24 Long. 51=20

At Sea Sunday August 22nd 1858.
 Sunday morning. This Day commences with fine and pleasant weather. It is very moderate. After breakfast I took my Bedding on Deck & slaughtered Bed Boys. There is a Sail in sight to the weather of us. At 20 clock, P.M. She came down & spoke us, we found it to be the Berg Elisha Dumbes of New Bedford



Capt Lincoln} She is out 12 Days from Home, our Capt Jash went a board of Her & got some late Papers. This Day has been spent as usual. In reading Book Papers &c. Evening very pleasant. Lat. 31=18 Long. 50=48

At Sea Monday August 23rd 1858.
 Monday morning. This Day commences with fine weather. We are 15 months from Home to Day. After breakfast I went on Deck. There is nothing in sight. We have it very pleasant to Day. Our water below this forenoon. Afternoon we have had it rather squally. Our water are been employed in scraping down beam, fore & aft, & flying jib beam. At 20 clock P.M. I went on Deck & stayed until 4. It looks very squally to the windward. We are been running our course to the N.W. all Day. I suppose that we shall leave for Home by the last of this week. Evening at sunset the light faded away. we took in the mainsail & jib, we are running to the N.W. under foresail. At 8 o'clock P.M. I retired until morning. So Ends this Day. Lat. 31=16 Long. 51=10

3 On Board Scho'r Varnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Tuesday August 24th 1858. 3

Tuesday morning. This Day commences with fine & pleasant weather. We are standing to the N.W. Our water on Deck this Forenoon. At 10 O'clock A.M. I sent a Loft. There is nothing in Sight. Afternoon very pleasant and warm. Our water below we are running to the N.W. After 3 P.M. I sent a Loft and stopped until Sunset. Evening we took in Sail & hoisted the Breeze. We have it - very pleasant this evening. So Ends This Day. Lat. 31=42 Long. 51=18.

3 At Sea Wednesday August 25th 1858. 3

Wednesday morning. This Day opens with fine and pleasant weather but very moderate. The Capt. caught a Dolphin this morning. After breakfast I sent a Loft, while I was a Loft Philip caught a Dolphin. Our water below this Forenoon. Afternoon very pleasant. After dinner our water was employed in Bending our New Foresail & Jib. At 2 O'clock P.M. I sent a Loft, while I was a Loft one had several Rain Showers. There is nothing in Sight. At 3 O'clock P.M. There was a School of Dolphin come a round us. They seemed to be very eager for Bait. Mr. Freeman & Philip caught 3 of them. We have it - very moderate to Day. At Sunset the Loft's lowered a way. Evening we have it - very moderate. We did not take in Sail this evening. We are running our course West by North. I am in hopes to have a Fair wind, so that we can see her Sail. So Ends This Day's Transaction. Lat. 31=52 Long. 52=50.

3 At Sea Thursday August 26th 1858. 3

Thursday morning. This Day commences with fine and pleasant weather & a very moderate breeze. Our water on Deck this Forenoon. We have been employed in setting up the Bob Stay & Bowsprit Rigging. At 10 O'clock A.M. I sent a Loft. There is nothing in Sight. We are running our course W by N. Afternoon our water below. We have it - very pleasant & warm. After 3 P.M. I sent a Loft and stopped until Sunset. Evening we had a heavy Squall. At 7 P.M. we took in the Mainsail. We stood half masted to night. Our first watch we had it - rather squally all our watch. So Ends This Day. Lat. 31=56 Long. 52=51

3 On Board Scho. Varrum H. Hill. 3

3 At Sea Friday August 27th 1858. 3

Friday morning. This Day commences with Squalls, After breakfast I went a Loft. Saw one Berg standing to the S. E. At 12 A.M. we had a very Heavy Squall, took in the Mainsail, Gafftopsail, Jib & Flying Jib. Our Watch below this Forenoon. Afternoon our watch on Deck. We have no Loft up this afternoon as it is very Squally. Our watch has been employed in scrubbing the inside of the main. At 3 O'clock P.M. The main Peak Halliards parted, we took in the Mainsail & Haisted the Tropsail. After a bell repaired the Sail on Haisted it again. We have a fair wind. The Varrum is walking straight a long. We are running our way N. Evening At 8 O'clock P.M. our watch below. At 12 O'clock P.M. our watch was called, we stood half watches to End's this Day's Transaction. Lat. 00=00 Long. 00=00.

3 At Sea Saturday August 28th 1858. 3

Saturday morning. At 4 O'clock A.M. we called the Starboard watch then retired until 6 O'clock. This Day commences with fine weather and a light breeze from the N.W. we have rather a head wind force. Our watch on Deck this Forenoon. We have been employed in Seizing the Head Stays. Afternoon our watch below. After Sea went a Loft. At 6 O'clock P.M. The Loft forward saw a Spout (Sail Shear) we found it was a Sperm Whale. We lowered a very all three Boats &



out in chase of her. At sunset she came up & spent 4 hours. She was a bow 12 miles to the windward of the Boats. At 7 P.M. The Boats returned a buoy. Evening. Our first watch. We had it rather Squally the first part of our watch. Latter part fine weather but very moderate. So Ends this Day. Lat. 32=05 Long. 57=58

At Sea Sunday August 29th A.D. 1858. 3

Sunday morning. Our watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. This Day begins with moderate weather & Rain Squalls. At Sunrise we was out off Deck's. At 7 A.M. fine weather but very moderate. Our watch below this forenoon. Afternoon our watch on Deck this Afternoon. We have it pleasant & calm. At 3 O'clock we took in the Mainsail as she was a flattening very bad. Evening very moderate. At 8 P.M. Our watch retired until our watch. So Ends this Day's Transaction. Lat. 32=14 Long. 58=00. I had my Hair cut this afternoon (Mr. W. West performed the Barber's art)

On Board Scho. Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Monday August 30th 1858.

Monday morning At 12 O'clock last night my watch was called. It was calm. At 10 O'clock I called the rest of the watch, we hoisted the mainsail & Left Top sail. We have a light breeze from the S.W. At 4 O'clock, A.M. we called the other watch & went below & retired. This Day commences with a light breeze from the S.W. At 8 O'clock A.M. our watch on Deck. I went a Left & stayed until 10 A.M. After I came from a Left I went to work & filled one cask in the Blubber Room with Salt-water. Afternoon our watch below. At 4 P.M. I went a Left, nothing in sight. At 6 P.M. the Linsell ran a Sail. She was standing to the S.E. She passed to the north of us a boat a mile distant. we showed our colors & she came out to the same. Evening very pleasant. We have had the Staysail set to day for the first time this season. Our first watch to night. So Ends This Day's Transaction. Lat. 32=47 Long. 59=56.

At Sea Tuesday August 31st 1858.

Tuesday morning our watch was called at 4 O'clock A.M. This Day commences with a very moderate breeze. After we had washed Decks I went a Left. We have it very pleasant but very moderate & a head wind. Our Watch below this forenoon. Afternoon very pleasant & warm. After dinner I went a Left. There is nothing in sight. Evening. we have quite a fresh breeze but cannot lay up our course. At 8 O'clock P.M. retired until our watch. At 12 Our watch was called we have it pleasant and a fair breeze. At 3 O'clock rather Squally. At 4 we called the other watch and then retired. So Ends This Day's Transactions. Lat. 33=02 Long. 60=22.

At Sea Wednesday Sept 1st 1858.

Wednesday morning. This Day commences with quite a good breeze but not fair. Our Watch on Deck this forenoon. At 8 O'clock A.M. our watch on Deck. I went a Left. At 9 A.M. there was a large Full Rigged Brig passed about one mile to the leeward of us. She was standing to the S.E. At 10 A.M. I came from a Left. There is nothing doing a head Deck this forenoon. Afternoon our watch below. At 4 O'clock P.M. I went a Left. There is nothing at all in sight. At 5 P.M. I came down and took tea. Evening. we have quite a good breeze. She lays up West. Our first watch to night. At 12 we called the other watch and then went below and retired. So Ends This Day. Lat. 33=13 Long. 61=08

3 On Board Schs Parnum H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Thursday Sept 24, 1858. 3

Thursday morning. Our watch was called at 4 o'clock, A.M. After we had washed off Deck I went a Loft. There is nothing in Sight. After breakfast I cleaned my Spades. We have a very light N.W. wind. Our watch below this Forenoon. Afternoon Our watch on Deck this afternoon. After dinner I went a Loft. There is nothing in Sight. We have it very pleasant & moderate. Evening. At Sunset the Loft lowered a meg. we tacked ship and stood to the N.E. At Dark we judged our selves thirty miles to the westward of Bermuda. At 8 o'clock, P.M. we retired under our watch. So Ends This Day's Transaction. Lat. 32=36 Long. 63=36.

3 At Sea Friday Sept 25, 1858. 3

Friday morning. This Day commences with light-wind from the N.W. Our watch on Deck this Forenoon. At 8 o'clock, A.M. I went a Loft. Saw some Grampus's & one very large Sun Fish. After I came from a Loft I went to work and painted the Flying Gibbon. We have it a bit calm this Forenoon. Afternoon Our watch below. At 4, P.M. I went a Loft. There is nothing in Sight. We have a very light breeze from the N.W. At Sunset the Loft lowered a meg. Evening very moderate. Our first watch. Lat. 32=58 Long. 63=55.

3 At Sea Saturday Sept 26, 1858. 3

Saturday morning Our watch was called at 4 o'clock A.M. After we had washed Deck's I went a Loft; last Evening we had during our watch very calm. At 12 o'clock we called the other watch. It being calm & she was slating so they took in the Mainsail. we went below & retired - At 4, A.M. our watch was called. we had it calm. At 5.2, A.M. there was a light breeze from the N.W. we hoisted the Mainsail. Our watch below this Forenoon. Afternoon Our watch on Deck. we have it calm. After dinner I went a Loft. There is nothing in Sight. After I came from a Loft I went to work & repaired the Staysail. At Sunset the Loft lowered a meg. we have it calm. Evening very moderate & warm. At 8 o'clock, P.M. our watch below. we retired until 12 o'clock. At 12 Our watch was called. we had it calm all our watch. At 4 we called the other watch and then retired. So Ends This Day. Lat. 32=58 Long. 64=46.

3 On Board Sho Carmen H. Hill 3

3 At Sea Sunday Sept 3rd 1858. 3

Sunday morning. This Day commences with light-
winds from the N.W. & at times calm. Our watch on Deck
this Forenoon. We have had calm weather for 10 days. This
Day has been spent in reading & sleeping. Afternoon
Our watch on Deck. Evening our first watch. At
6 o'clock P.M. there was a land Bird came a board of us
He seemed very tired & lighted on one of the Boat Boards.
Evening calm. The Sky is overcast & cloudy. I think
that we shall have a breeze before to morrow morning.
So Ends this Day with Calm. Lat. 33=20 Long. 64=49

3 At Sea Monday Sept 6th 1858. 3

Monday morning. This Day commences with quite
a breeze from the Westward. This is the most breeze
that we have had for 10 days. After breakfast I sent a Loft. Saw
our Barrels (Merchantmen) standing to the S.E. Our watch
below this Forenoon. We are getting rather short of wood. The
Cook commenced burning Whale Scraps to Day. Afternoon we
have a fresh breeze. The day's up N.E.W. At 2 P.M. I sent a
Loft & stopped under 4 o'clock. At Sunset the Loft hauled a net.
Evening blowing quite fresh. Our 2^d watch to night. So Ends
this Days Transaction. Lat. 34=22 Long. 64=53

3 At Sea Tuesday Sept 7th 1858. 3

Tuesday morning. This Day commences with a fresh
breeze from the N.E. Last Evening during our watch we
had it very suddenly accompanied with Heavy Rain Showers.
At times we had some distant Thunder & very sharp
lightning. At 1 o'clock we had it calm. She was settling
so had that we took in the Mainsail. At 3 o'clock A.M. Wind
began to breeze from the N.E. we set the Mainsail again.
At 4 o'clock the other watch & then retired. At 8 A.M. Our watch
on Deck. quite a fresh breeze. At 10 A.M. I sent a Loft. At 11 A.M.
blowing very fresh, the Loft hauled a net. we took in the Mainsail
& Hoisted the Bysail. Afternoon Our watch below. rather moderate.
At 12 o'clock we Hoisted the Mainsail again. We have had our
Loft up this afternoon. At 5 P.M. we took in the Mainsail
& Hoisted the Bysail. quite a fresh breeze this Evening.
we are about eighty miles to Southward of the Gulf Stream.
Our first watch to night. So Ends this Day. Lat. 35=19 Long. 66=14

On Board Ship Varnum H. Hill

At Sea Wednesday Sept-8th 1858.

Wednesday morning our watch was called at 4 O'clock, A.M., this Day commences with fine & beautiful breeze from the N.E. we have the Staysail & Gaff Topsail set & she is a going off finely. After breakfast I went a Loft & stayed until 7 A.M. Our watch below this forenoon. Afternoon very moderate, the wind has a lull all day. At 2 P.M. I went a Loft & stayed until 4 O'clock, At 5 O'clock Calm. we are bent the old mainsail & bent our new one. Evening, Calm. At 8 O'clock, P.M. our watch retired. To End of this Day. Lat. 36=11 Long. 68=38.

At Sea Thursday Sept-9th 1858.

Thursday morning. This Day commences with a light breeze from the N.E. It has the appearance of being a very moderate Day. Our watch on Deck this forenoon. At 10 O'clock, A.M. I went a Loft. There is nothing in sight. Afternoon our watch below. we have it Calm this afternoon. At 2 O'clock P.M. there were several Killers came a short distance from us. we lowered the Larboard & waist Boats. They chased a while but could not get near them. After the Boats came a burst of wind. At 3 P.M. I went a Loft & stayed until Sunset. Evening Calm. we went in swimming our first watch to night. To End of this Day's Transaction. Lat. 36=58 Long. 68=42.

At Sea Friday Sept-10th 1858.

Friday morning our watch was called at 4 O'clock, A.M., this Day commences with a light breeze from the N.E. After breakfast I went a Loft. Saw several Sail of Ship's Merchantmen. Our watch below this forenoon, we have it very moderate. Afternoon Our watch on Deck, I went up and painted the Topgallant mast & Mast Head. I finished painting at 5 O'clock, P.M. and then came down & took Tea. Evening Calm. we went in swimming. At 8 O'clock, P.M. we retired until our watch. At 12 O'clock our watch was called. we are laying still, she does not move we have it very Calm. At 2 O'clock we had a light breeze from the S.W. but it did not last long. At 3 O'clock, A.M. we had it Calm again. we have had nothing but head winds and calms since we started for Home. we have now been fifteen Days on our passage. At 4 O'clock called the other watch. Lat. 37=18 Long. 68=58

On Board Sh^r Varnum H. Hill

3 At Sea Saturday Sept-11th 1858. 3

Saturday morning. This Day commences with fine weather but calm. There is a Berg a short distance from us. After breakfast Mr Hopkins launched a way his Boat and went on board of her. She is running a long the same way that we are. At 10 O'clock A.M. He returned. We find her to be the Berg Schissa of Boston. {Capt. Higgins} The Capt. belongs at Eastham. The Berg was from Buenos Ayres. She has been on her passage 40 Days. There was a Provincetown Berg a board of her. He is an adopted Son of Dr Paine {Jim Paine} Our watch on Deck this Forenoon. At 10 O'clock A.M. I sent a Loft. At 11 A.M. we have a light breeze from the Southward. we are running Wing & Wing. Afternoon Our watch below. At 5 O'clock P.M. I sent a Loft. At 6 P.M. I launched a way. I am rather inclined to think that I have stored the last Loft that we shall have during this voyage. This Evening we have a fine breeze from the Southward. we are running Wing & Wing. The Berg is running a long with us. Our first watch to night. So Ends this Day. Lat. $38^{\circ}02'$ Long. $69^{\circ}43'$

3 At Sea Sunday Sept-12th 1858. 3

Sunday morning Our watch was called at 4 A.M. This Day commences with a Calm. At 8 A.M. a light breeze from the S.W. Our watch below this Forenoon. Afternoon quite a fresh breeze from the N.N.W. We have had head winds & Calms ever since we started. Our 2nd watch to night. I am in hopes that this will be the last Sunday for us at Sea this voyage. I expected last Sunday that we should be at Home to day. but we are all disappointed. To Day we are three thirds the way across the Gulf Stream. We have a strong current setting to the Eastward. We are thirty miles farther to the Eastward than we were yesterday at this time. For the last twenty four hours we steered a N. by W. course and made a N.E. error. We have quite a fresh breeze from the N.W. we are steering W.N.W. Evening At 8 P.M. we retired under our watch. So Ends this the last Sunday I hope on board of the Varnum H. Hill. Lat. $38^{\circ}48'$ Long. $69^{\circ}12'$

On Board Ship Vassar H. Hill

At Sea Monday Sept-13th 1858

Monday morning. This Day opens with quite a fresh breeze from the North. We have quite a rough Sea. At 3 O'clock A.M. we parted our Staysail Halliards. At 4 O'clock A.M. called the other Watch & then retired. Our Watch on Deck this forenoon were in the Northern Edge of the Gulf Stream this morning. We have had no Lefts up to Day. Afternoon our watch below. The Starboard Watch took up the Small Chain this afternoon. After 3 we are bent it on to the anchor. Evening we judge ourselves fifty miles from Long Island. Our first watch to light. So Ends This Day's Transaction. Lat. 39=49 Long 71=00

At Sea Tuesday Sept-14th 1858

Tuesday morning. This Day commences with a fresh breeze from the Eastward. Last evening during our watch we sounded two times. At 10 O'clock P.M. our first Sound. we got Bottom and had Sixty Eight Fathoms of Water. At 12 O'clock we sounded again and had Forty Two Fathoms. We called the other watch & then went below & retired. This morning we have quite a fresh breeze from the Eastward. At Daylight we saw our Pilot Boat to the Windward of us. No Land in Sight yet. At 8 O'clock A.M. we called the other watch & singled Reefed the Mainsail. Our Watch below this forenoon. We are standing to the N.E. At 11 O'clock A.M. Philip (Our Cabin Boy) sent a Left & gave the Alarm of Land. We stood in and found it to be Gay Head. Afternoon our watch on Deck. We got the Sheet Chain on Deck. We are now in the Vineyard. We have a head wind & a head tide against us. This is the first American Land that we have seen for Fifteen months & Twenty Two Days. It seems good to see American Sail again once more. At 6 O'clock P.M. our watch on Deck. At 11¹/₂ P.M. we came to an anchor in Holmes Hole.

At Anchor In Holmes Hole Wednesday Sept-15th 1858

Wednesday morning. This Day opens with a fresh breeze from S.E. At 7 A.M. The reporter came a board of us to get the reports. There is quite a Fleet in Harb. Afternoon our Larboard watch sent an Alarm. I suppose that the Telegraph Despatch has reached our Friends by this time. Evening blowing quite fresh. After 3 we are let go our Best Bower. So Ends This Day's Transaction In Holmes Hole. We are all well.

On Board Scho. Varnum H. Hill

At Anchor In Holmes Hole Thursday Sept 16th 1858.

Thursday morning. This Day opens with a heavy breeze from E to E.S.E. At 7 A.M. wind blowing a living Gale. We let out our chains. We are riding with both anchors a Head. At times we have heavy gust of wind with Rain Squalls. At 12 A.M. blowing a heavy rain. At 5 P.M. The wind backed into the N.E.W. and blowed very fresh until 8 O'clock P.M. At 12 O'clock my watch had my good mother's wind from the S.W. and my mother's So Ends this Day's transaction. At Anchor In Holmes Hole.

3 At Anchor In Holmes Hole Friday Sept 17th 1858. 3
Friday morning. we have fine weather again. wind from the S.W. & quite pleasant. After breakfast the Capt went ashore to enter. At 8 A.M. He returned a Guard. At 8¹/₂ we weighed anchor and anchors & are now on our passage Home. At 10 A.M. we passed the Light-Buoy on Grass Rips. We have all been employed in cleaning Craft & stowing the same away. Afternoon our watch below. At one O'clock P.M. we passed the Light-Buoy on Palluck Rips. At 2 P.M. we passed Chatham Light. At 4 O'clock P.M. we tacked Ship & stood in. When we tacked Ship to stand up the Shore we were off the three Lights. We have quite a fresh breeze from the N.W. At 8 P.M. our watch on deck. We have the wind a head from the High Land up to the Point. We have it very cool this Evening. At 11¹/₂ O'clock P.M. we were off the High Land. We tacked Ship & stood off Shore. At 12 we called the other watch and the must below & retired, but I could not get to sleep for I found that we were quite near Home. At 2 O'clock we passed the Light on Long Point. At 2¹/₂ we came to an anchor. After we had furled our sails we hoisted a May the Starboard Buoy. The Capt. Mr. Freeman, Jasick, & myself were all that came ashore in the Boat. I arrived Home at 3 O'clock. I found my wife & child well & all the rest of the Folk's. I was very glad to get Home again. So Ends my Journal. This Journal was commenced May 23rd 1857 and terminated Sept 17th 1858. We have been absent from Home 15 months and twenty three Days. So I will now consider this Journal closed.

Kept By Freeman A. Smith

Letters Sent Home During The Voyage In Sch^s V.H.H.

Mrs Freeman A. Smith
Sent From Fayal
Per Sch^s W^m P. Doliver
Sept 19th 1857.

Mrs Freeman A. Smith
Sent From Cintra Bay
Coast Of Africa. Per Sch^s
Silvus Cloud. Feb 1st 1858.

Mrs Lemuel Cook 3^d.
Sent From Fayal
Per Sch^s W^m P. Doliver
Sept 19th 1857.

J. W. Emery Esq
(Editor of Banner)
Sent From Fayal
Per Sch^s W^m P. Doliver
Sept 19th 1857.

Mrs Freeman A. Smith
Sent From Fayal
Per Brig Azara
Sept 23rd 1857.

Mrs Freeman A. Smith
Sent From Cintra Bay
Coast Of Africa. Per
Brig. Water Witch. Feb 14th 1858.

Mrs Lemuel Cook 3^d.
Sent From Santa Cruz
Zemuriffe
Nov 10th 1857.

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Zemuriffe.
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Mrs Freeman A. Smith
Sent From Palma
Gran Cannarys. Per
Ship Bon Bay. April 27th 1858.

Mrs Lemuel Cook 3^d.
Sent From Cintra Bay
Coast Of Africa. Per Brig
Estrel. Feb 1st 1858.

Mrs W^m E. Kilbourn
Sent From Santa Cruz
Zemuriffe
Nov 10th 1857.

Mrs Freeman A. Smith
Sent From Cintra Bay
Coast Of Africa. Per
Brig Estrel. Feb 1st 1858.

Mrs Baptis & Pettis
Sent From Fayal
Per Sch^s W^m P. Doliver
Sept 19th 1857.

Mrs Lemuel Cook 3^d.
Sent From Cintra Bay
Coast Of Africa. Per Brig
Water Witch. Feb 14th 1858.

Mrs Ruben Nickerson
Sent From Santa Cruz
Zemuriffe
Nov 10th 1857.

Mrs Freeman A. Smith
Sent From Cintra Bay
Coast Of Africa. Per
Brig Estrel. Feb 1st 1858.

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Mrs Francis C. Miller
Sent From Santa Cruz
Zemuriffe
Nov 10th 1857.

Letters Received During The Voyage In Sch^s V.H.H.

Mrs Freeman A. Smith
Per Brig A.D. Chase
At Fayal
Sept 22nd 1857.

Mrs Freeman A. Smith
Per Brig Panama
At Sea
May 12th 1858.

Mrs Chas A. Young
Per Sch^s Mountain King
At Sore Bay. Coast
Of Africa. Dec 8th 1857.

Mrs Freeman A. Smith
Per Sch^s Rienzi. Off
The Cannarys
Oct 26th 1857.

Mrs Freeman A. Smith
Per Sch^s Antarctic
At Sea
May 31st 1858.

Mrs Lemuel Cook 3^d.
Per Sch^s Mountain King
At Sore Bay. Coast Of
Africa Dec 8th 1857.

Mrs Freeman A. Smith
Per Brig Lewis Bruce
Off The Cannarys
Oct 27th 1857.

Mrs Robt D. Baptis
Per Sch^s Rienzi.
Off The Cannarys
Oct 26th 1857.

Miss Maria Morgan
Per Sch^s Mountain King
At Sore Bay. Coast
Of Africa Dec 8th 1857.

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Per Sch^s Mountain King
At Sore Bay. Coast Of
Africa Dec 8th 1857.

Mrs W^m E. Kilbourn
Per Brig Lewis Bruce
Off The Cannarys
Oct 27th 1857.

Mrs George C. Smith
Per Brig Panama
At Sea
May 8th 1858.

